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GCC to upgrade desalination capacity

BAHRAIN (AP) — The Gulf Cooperation Council's (GCC) six member states, already pumping more than 50 per cent of the world's supply of desalinated water, plan to upgrade their

capacities by the turn of the century, an official said Tuesday. "GCC represents slightly over 56 per cent of the world's water desalination capacity, and that will be increased to 61 per cent,"

said Mohammad Al Sofi, vice-president of the Bahrain-based Water Sciences and Technology Association of the GCC. He said

the increase will come from five new plants in GCC countries and

the expansion of the 42 existing ones. Mr. Sofi spoke to reporters on the sidelines of the second Gulf water conference which ended

Tuesday. Some 350 experts took part in the gathering which focused on water conservation in one of the most and regions of the world. Mr. Sofi said that one plant in Jubail. Saudi Arabia,

accounts for 10 per cent of the global capacity, producing up to one million cubic metres a day. "By the end of the decade there will be

three plants with comparable capacity to Jubail." Mr. Sofi said.

An indicate them Arab political daily.

AMMAN (Petra) — Social Development Minister Mohammad Sqour on Tuesday expressed his ministry's willingness to offer every possible assistance to the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) in social development fields. At a meeting here with the director of the PNA's Social Affairs Department Intisar Al Wezir, Dr. Squar said the ministry was ready to help the PNA through offering expertise in the fields of the handicapped, special education, family, social defence, charity societies and combatting crime and poverty. Ms. Wazir said social problems resulting from decades of Israeli occupation need a lot of efforts to be addressed, stressing that the PNA was in need of assistance from Jordan. The Palestinian authority, she said, was currently conducting studies on these social problems, which include poverty and unemployment. The Palestinian official stressed the need to boost and bolster Jordanian-Palestinian relations, affirming that the relationship was the cornerstone in any regional relationship.

Price: Jordan 150 Fils

Spanish royal couple due here Nov. 11

AMMAN (Petra) - King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain will pay a three-day state visit to Jordan from Nov. 11-Nov. 13, a communique issued by the Royal Court said Tuesday. The communique said the visit comes in response to an invitation extended to them by Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor.

Khalifeh named envoy to S. Arabia

AMMAN (Petra) - The Cabinet on Tuesday appointed Hani Khalifeh as Jordan's ambassador to Saudi Arabia. Before this appointment, Mr. Khalifeh was Jordan's ambassador to Canada.

League criticises Hebron mosque curbs

CAIRO (AP) — The Arab League on Tuesday criticised security measures introduced by Israel at the Ibrahimi Mosque in Hebron and urged the world community to intervene. The 22-member league said in a statement that heightened security at the shrine forced Muslim worshippers to pass through too many security checks, "virmally turning it into a military camp." It urged international organisations to intervene to stop "these provocative measures, which transgress on places with spiritual values to the faithful." The league said tension over the security sould undermine the Middle East peace process.

Rabia to visit U.S. Bext week

TELAVIV (AFP) — Israeli Prime Minister Yithzak Rabin will begin next Tuesday. A week-long visit to the United States where he will hold talks on Middle East peace with President Bill Clipton, officials said. Mr. Rabin, who is also to meet U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, is slated to return on Nov. 22. Mr. Clinton met Mr. Rabin on Oct. 27 after talks in Damascus where he said "progress" was made. Israel radio reported that Mr. Christopher would on Nov. 20 launch his sixth Middle East shuttle this year in a bid to narrow the gap between Israel and Syria.

Argentine lawmaker seeks report on blast

BUENOS ATRES (AFP) — A high-profile opposition lawmaker Tuesday called on the government to make public the results of its prohe into the July 18 bomb blast that killed 95 people at a Jewish association headquarters. "More than three months have passed since one of the worst terrorist attacks in Argentine history and there are so indications that the ongoing investigation has produced any positive resuits," said centre-left deputy and presidential hopeful Carlos Alvarez. In a resolution introduced in congress, Mr. Alvarez asked the government to provide details on intelligence organisations participating in the probe, and on border control messure taken since the attack. Last week, President Carles Menent pledged to create an "elite corps" of investigators to continue the inquiry into the bombing of the Argentine Jewish Mutual Association

Ex-minister sues

minister in Kuwait KUWATT (AP) - Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa Al Sabah. a former oil minister on trial in an embezzelemnt case, has sped the prosecutor-general and the justice minister for ordering a freeze on the defendant's assets in Switzerland, A lawyer close to the case told the Associated Press the complaint went to a criminal court Tuesday. After bearing Sheikh Ali's case. · the court adjourned till Jan. 3, 1995. "There has been a mistake in procedures taken by the prosecutor-general. and we want to make n right," the lawyer said.

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Russia announces Iraqi recognition of Kuwait

Kozyrev due in Baghdad to follow up; U.S. says Iraqi move not enough

MOSCOW (Agencies) — clude that the Security Count to leave shortly for Baghdad Russia announced Tuesday that Iraq had recognised the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Kuwait as ordered by the United Nations, and dispatched the Russian foreign minister to Baghdad to finalise arrangements.

The U.S. said immediately Iraq's recognition of Kuwait's sovereignty and borders, as reported by Russia, was not enough to achieve a lifting of U.N. sanctions against Bagh-

"Border recognition would meet only one of a number of requirements to which Iraq has not complied, and would not in itself establish Iraq's peaceful intentions which were called into question by its provocation in October, said State Department spokesman David Johnson.

"Our policy regarding Iraq and U.N. Security Council sanctions remains that Iraq must comply fully with all the relevant Security Council resolutions." and a recognition of Kuwait alone did not meet this requirement, Mr. John-

"We would oppose any U.N. Security Council action which might lead Iraq to con-

cies) — Israeli Prime Minis-

ter Yitzhak Rabin on Tues-

day promised Palestinian

leader Yasser Arafat to ease

the closure of the Gaza Strip

and speed up talks on ex-

panding autonomy in the

aimed at holstering Mr. Ara-

fat at a time of when he is

losing ground to militants

opposed to the peace pro-

There will also be an accel-

eration in the so-called "early

empowerment." Palestinians

will take control of tourism,

welfare, taxation and health

in the West Bank by the end

of the month, Mr. Rabin said

after a 90-minute meeting at

the Erez Crossing which links

the autonomous Gaza Strip

Israel will also allow 10,000

more Palestinian workers

into Israel, easing a closure

imposed three weeks ago af-

ter a bus bombing by Islamic

militants killed 22 in Tel

Aviv. Some 13,000 Palesti-

nians are presently allowed to

Mr. Arafat thanked Mr.

Rabin for a "positive and

fruitful meeting" adding that

he hoped "in this atmosphere

we will follow up to imple-

The moves appeared

West Bank.

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cil might consider modifying the sanctions before Iran has met fully its obligations," he added.

Other conditions set by the U.N. Security Council for lifting of sanctions against Iraq following the Gulf war include the dismantling of Irag's weapons of mass des-

Russia's Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev would travel shortly to Baghdad to finalise arrangements.

The decision still has to be confirmed by the Iraqi parliament, the Revolutionary Command Council and ruling Baath Party. Mr. Kozyrev said last

month during a trip to the region that he had obtained assurances that Iraq would recognise Kuwait's sovereignty and its borders.

That mission to Baghdad came amid a standoff between U.S. and Iraqi forces after Iraq massed thousands of troops near the border. arousing fears of a repeat of the August 1990 invasion of Kuwait that led to the Gulf

Russian President Boris Yeltsin ordered Mr. Kozyrev

He said Israel and the

Palestinians needed to "over-

come all these obstacles

which some elements are put-

ting in our way, and we are

confident we will be able to

In their seventh meeting

since an ice-breaking hand-

shake on the White House

lawn in September 1993, Mr.

Rabin and Mr. Arafat were

trying to resolve disputes that

have stailed stage two of the

self-rule agreement — a

troop pullback from the West

Bank and Palestinian general

Mr. Rabin's key conces-

sion appeared to be the

agreement to simultaneously

negotiate the elections as well

as the army's West Bank

redeployment and the secur-

ity of 120,000 settlers there.

comprehensive, all the issues

that need to be solved to

move to the next stage," Mr.

Mr. Rabin said security

issues were raised in the

meeting Tuesday but would

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Rabin said.

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to "take part in completing the appropriate constitutional procedures" concerned with recognising the emirate, the ministry statement said. Interfax news agency said Mr. Kozyrev would leave for Baghdad Wednesday on a

three-day visit. The announcement followed talks in Moscow between Mr. Kozyrev and Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister Tareq

The foreign ministry said Mr. Aziz gave Mr. Kozyrev a letter from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein addressed to Mr. Yeltsin containing "the recognition by Iraq of the sovereignty of Kuwait and its frontiers, conforming with Resolution 833." **ITAR-TASS** news agency

quoting "informed sources, said Iraq might officially recognise Kuwait "in the next few days."

Moscow has been pressing for the Security Council to give a pledge that it will lift within six months the oil embargo imposed on Iraq once Baghdad recognises Kuwait's sovereignty and

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Israel had insisted that the

Palestinian National Author-

ity (PNA) first raise funds to

run the departments now

"We started with educa-

tion and the four other

spheres were agreed but

there was a need to finance."

The finance would be

ready before December, he

said, and "as a result we will

continue on the 15th of this

month with tourism and wel-

fare, and by the end of the

month with health and taxa-

said negotiations on election

to a Palestinian autonomy

council and the redeployment

outside built-up Arab areas

on the West Bank would start

will enter negotiations on

elections, redeployment,

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tlers, external security, legal

reviews and other issues," he

these negotiations will take.

He had previously rejected

Palestinian demands to

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Mr. Rabin admitted.

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In a U-turn, Mr. Rabin

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Mr. Rabin said.

Dead Sea meeting studies confidence-building moves

By P.V. Vivekanand

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Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN - Confidencebuilding measures among the countries of the Middle East, including prior notification of army exercises and joint rescue efforts in sea and on land, are the focus of a two-day meeting of the main members of the multilateral working group of arms control that opened at the Dead Sea Spa Hotel on Monday.

A concrete proposal expected to be studied by the meeting, attended by 22 countries including Jordan and Israel, is for the establishment of a "conflictprevention and regional security centre" in the Middle East.

The issue of eliminating the presence of weapons of mass destruction in the region was not expected to be taken up during this meeting. described as "operative basket" of controlling proliferation of arms among the coun-

Addressing the opening session, Jordan's chief dele-

gate Abdullah Touqan said the Kingdom believed that the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty signed on Oct. 26 "will be pivotal towards the establishment of a broad structural framework of security and cooperation in the Middle East region, as well as to the establishment of institutes and mechanisms to form a link with the global security environment.

MILITARY ELECTRONICS: His Majesty accompanied by His Royal Highness Crown

King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Prince Hassan, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs

Armed Forces, Tuesday visits the premises of of Staff General Abdul Hafez Mirai and senior

the electronic war department of the Armed army officers (Armed Forces photo)

"Military and non-military components can be integrated into a comprehensive security regime that can organise response to possible sources of conflict and deter any force of aggression," he The topics to be discussed

in this intersessional operational basket of the arms control and regional security working group, such as search and rescue for humanitarian purposes, to confidence and security building measures between militaries, in the exchange of information, pre-notifications of military exercises and activities, and the establishment of

communication network system, ... lie at the very heart of the new security environment," Dr. Tougan

Dr. Tougan noted that the idea of establishing "a regional conflict preventing resolution and crisis management centre" was discussed in informal talks among delegates on Monday and expressed hope that the proposal would receive a boost during this week's meetings.

Among the first step towards setting up such a centre is an undertaking by all countries in the region to provide complete information of all the weapons they possess with a view to setting up a data bank on arms in the Middle East, long known to be the most lucrative market for the Western arms indus-

Observers believe that Israel, which has for long refused to acknowledge its reported nuclear arsenal would balk at providing such information. So far, it has

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Senate meets on peace treaty today

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Senate convenes today to review a report by its Foreign Affairs Committee recommending the endorsement of the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty, which was signed on Oct. 26 and endorsed by the Lower House of Parliament on Nov. 6.

The announcement was made Tuesday by Senate Speaker Ahmad Lawzi after Foreign Affairs Committee Rapporteur Zeid Rifai reported that the committee had finalised its examination of the draft law on the treaty and would present its report to the Senate.

Mr. Rifai said in his statement that the Foreign affairs Committee held a series of meetings over the past two days attended by Mr. Lawzi and Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali as well as several ministers and Jordanian military and civilian members of the team negotiating with the Israeli side before compiling its report.

During the meetings. Mr. Rifai said each article of the treaty was scrutinised and all the maps were studied in depth.

The committee will recommend Senate approval of the treaty in the form it was referred to it by the Lower House of Parliament.

Commenting on the treaty, Mr. Rifai said that it constituted a maior national achievement and he urged the Senate to review and endorse the treaty as emergency law.

The Lower House on Sunday endorsed the treaty by 55 votes to 23 with one abstention. One legislator was ab-

tics and technology," the

Tishrin daily said in a front-

The newspaper charged

that Israel "seeks in practical

Clinton urges progress on Syrian, Lebanese tracks

BEIRUT (Agencies) — U.S. President Bill Clinton called for progress in Syrian and Lebanese negotiations with Israel in a letter he sent Tuesday to Lebanese President Elias Hrawi, officials said.

M1. Clinton also spoke of the progress achieved between Jordan and Israel, which signed a peace treaty on Oct. 26 ending 46 years of hostilities, said U.S. Charge d'Affaires Ronald Schlycher who delivered the letter.

The U.S. president briefed Mr. Hrawi on his meeting with Syrian President Hafez Al Assad in Damascus, the day after Mr. Clinton witnessed the signing ceremony on the Jordanian-Israeli border. Mr. Clinton also expressed

his country's interest in the efforts of the Lebanese government to forge ahead with an ambitious multi-billiondollar post-war reconstruction programme and voiced hope for Lebanon's future, Mr. Schlycher said.

The U.S. diplomat also gave Mr. Hrawi a letter from U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher in which he outlined his latest peace missions to the region. Mr. Christopher is set to

return to the Middle East later this month to try to revive stalled Syrian-Israeli peace talks. Syrian Foreign Minister

Farouk Al Sharaa said on Monday direct negotiations with Israel could resume in Washington after Mr. Christopher's visit.

Direct negotiations between Syria, Lebanon and Israel have been suspended since February, following the

massacre of more than 30 Palestinians in Hebron mosque by an Israeli settler. Mr. Clinton's message to Mr. Hrawi followed reports

by the Lebanese media that Lebanese government leaders were offended by Mr. Clinton's decision to exclude Lebanon from his first-ever trip to the Middle East. Mr. Schlycher said: "The

president hopes progress will be achieved in the coming few months on the Syrian track and the Lebanese too." A Syrian government-run newspaper warned Tuesday

that Israel's idea of establishing a "new order" in the Middle East poses dangers for Arabs. "This ... is no more than a

new kind of colonisation that

aims to infiltrate Arab society

through the economy, poli-

ways to cancel the Arab identity of the Middle East region and drown the Arabs in new problems and bloody

page editorial.

civil wars. "Israel also wants to drain the Arabs' wealth to weaken them to the extent whereby it can control, their potential and wealth," Tishrin declared.

Syria boycotted the Oct. 31-Nov. 1 Middie East economic summit in Casablanca. Morocco and has sharply denounced Arab leaders for their "rush" to do business with the Israelis before a comprehensive peace settlement has been achieved.

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Palestinians feel left on their own, ponder Jordanian role

By Lamis K. Andoni The following is the first of two articles looking into

Palestinian perceptions of the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship in the light of the signing of the peace treaty between Jordan and Israel. The writer has just returned from a working visit to Gaza and the occupied territories.

PALESTINIANS in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are alarmed by how the growing rift between Jordan and the Palestinian leadership is affecting their daily lives and future.

Most recognise that a future settlement will involve some sort of a bond, or at least an association with Jordan. Furthermore, the very details of their daily lives are already tied to Jordan in one way or another, and the rift is further complicating already intertwined ties. They feel that ordinary

people, who are already

suffocated by the Israeli occupation, invariably end up paying the price for the fluctuation of Jordanian-Palestinian relations. For example, one of the

most important questions on people's minds concerns the Jordanian passports. What will West Bankers do and how will they manage if Jordan stopped issuing the two-year passports, which have been serving as mostly travel documents rather than citizenship certificates since the 1988 Jordanian severing of administrative ties with the West Bank.

But there is also the realisation that Palestinians cannot expect to have everything; basically asserting "independence from Jordan" - partly to make Israel come to terms with Palestinian sovereignty without sacrificing the benefits of existing dependence on Amman.

Yet this situation leaves the Palestinians at the mercy of Israeli occupation and restrictions especially that the interim period, as agreed upon in the Oslo accords between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has neither freed them from the yoke of Israeli rule nor seems to promise an inevitable freedom down the road of peace talks.

Palestinian newspapers. particularly Al Quds, which is not free from offi-

cial Palestinian influence. publish brief reports about Jordan's ban on the entry of Palestinian activists or officials or any act that is viewed as restricting or harassing Palestinians crossing into Jordan.

Fears are frequently expressed by ordinary Palestinians that their movement might be restricted by Jordan or even being interrogated by Jordanian security forces — regardless of evidence of such acts on behalf of Jordanian government departments but nevertheless an important indication of growing anxiety and uncertainty. There is also a wide-

spread feeling that the Arabs have left the Palestinians to Israel's mercy and to fend for themselves. Jordan, due to the geographic proximity and long intert-

wined political, economic and social relations, is always seen as a barometer for the relationship with the Arab World.

Thus, on the day of the signing of the Jordanian-Israeli treaty reactions varied. Yet they all carried the conclusion that the Palestinians were left on their own to their own fate.

The reactions, however, varied over who to blame or how to apportion the blame. In most cases, people would blame the Palestinian leadership for signing a separate agreement with Israel and paving the way for, if not compelling other governments to follow suit.

Others blame the poor performance of the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) that resulted in the failure of making real changes in the living conditions or towards easing the Israeli occupation. But in all cases, regard-

less of the level of support or opposition to the Palestinian authority, there is a lingering feeling that the Palestinians are alone. "We are left behind," the Arabs no longer care."

and "why should the Israelis give us anything now that normalisation has started with the Arab World," are comments that one hears regularly across the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, or even in Arab towns and villages in Israel. A growing number of Palestinians are convinced that Jordan will play a major if not a crucial role in determining their future.

and the feeling of abandon-

The apparent contradiction between this conclusion

a reaction to what Palestinians perceive as Jordanian plans or intentions. Based on interviews, the conclusion reflects disillusionment in the peace process, at least on the Palestinian track, and an overwhelming feeling that the Palesti-

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Arab states urged to adopt laws to ban violence on women

By Mariana M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

tims of violence:

- To sensitise police, the

judiciary and the general

public on the problems re-

lated to violence against

Since the U.N. Declara-

tion on the Elimination of

Violence against Women

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fence against women and is

expected not to invoke cus-

tom, tradition or religion to

avoid obligation," Ms.

Coomaraswamy says, she

expected all the Arab states

to live up to that obliga-

The 48th General

Assembly in December

1993, adopted by consen-

sus, the U.N. Declaration

on the Elimination of Vio-

lence Against Women. A

special declaration and

programme of action at the

U.N. human rights confer-

ence in Vienna committed

itself to "working towards

the elimination of violence

and private life."

Against Women.

against women in public

The plan of action works

within the framework of

the Universal Declaration

of Human Rights, the Con-

vention on the Elimination

of All Forms of Discrimina-

tion against Women and

the Declaration on the Eli-

mination of Violence

As the commission's spe-

cial rapporteur, Ms.

Coomaraswamy is man-

dated to recommend mea-

sures at a national, regional

and international level to

eliminate violence against

women and its causes and

to remedy its consequ-

Issues specifically of con-

cern are violations of hu-

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The U.N. Declaration on

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fines violence against

women as "any act of

gender-based violence that

results in, or is likely to

result in, physical, sexual

or psychological harm or

suffering to women, includ-

ing threats of such acts.

coercion or arbitrary de-

privation of liberty whether

occurring in public or in

privileged to be denied the

phenomenon of violence

against women," said Ms.

"The causes of violence

against women are numer-

ous and inter-related. They

are rooted in political, eco-

nomic and social order of

society. Each culture must

examine its own develop-

ment to identify and eli-

minate violence against

women. Such self-

reflection is imperative if

we are determined to build

a violence free world.

where we can live in peace

and dignity," Ms. Coomar-

aswamy said.

"No country is specially

private life."

Coomaraswamy.

gious extremism.

AMMAN - The Arab states and societies should adopt legislation banning violence against women, the special U.N. envoy to the preparatory Arab women's conference,. Radhika Coomaraswamy. has said.

Ms. Coomaraswamy, who met with representatives of non-governmental Arab women's groups for a discussion Monday night, is in Amman to help set a broader agenda at the women's conference to be held in Beijing next year aimed at coming up with a plan of action for Arab women into the next cen-

In her official statement to the conference, which is being presented in the name of U.N. Commission on Human Rights, and in her capacity as special rapporteur in violence against women, Ms. Coomaraswarny requested that the Arab regional women's meetings include in their platform of action a statement on violence against women. The main mention of violence against women in the draft document which is still being discussed, is a reference to the effects on Arab women in areas of war and armed conflicts.

Paragraph C in section F of the document states: "Violence directed against women during wars and armed conflicts should be considered a war crime and its perpetrators should be punished according to law and imprisoned."

Ms. Coomataswamy, however, recommends that the issues of violence against women be addressed on a much wider scale. She recommends that the following be considered for

plan of action: An acknowledgement of the problem of violence against women as a violation of international human

inclusion in the regional

 An analysis of violence against women as a phenomenon that takes place in the family, community and that is sometimes condoned by states and state

- Ms. Coomaraswamy "requested" that the platform of action call on the member states of the Arab League to:

- Ratify the U.N. convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women "without reservations";

- Observe the U.N. Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, bring their national laws into conformity with international standards and elaborate national plans of action to eradicate violence

against women; — Submit all information available on women and gender-desegregated data to all human rights treaty bodies and mechanisms; - Collect data and conduct research on violence

against women; - Set up community ser-

vices to assist women vic-

industries on the increase

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Al Majali said Tuesday Jordan does not fear economic domination and that the Kingdom's private sector was capable of coping with requirements of the postpeace era. Dr. Majali said 252 new

industries were recently been established at a total cost of JD 400 million.

Addressing a meeting of the newly-formed committee of secretary generals for services affairs held at the Ministry of Water and Irrigation (see photo) Dr. Majali stressed the importance of preparing for the



post-peace era. He lauded the formation of this committee, saying that its establishment is in implementation of an initiative by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan. Dr. Majali called on

ministers and secretary generals to delegate part of their authorities to the department heads at the governorate-level, saying that, governors will be acting as secretary generals in their governorates.

On inter-Arab relations he said Jordan had always worked for enhancing inter-Arab relations and has done every possible effort to maintain them at their best.

TO TIO Algerian government launches media blitz

ALGIERS (AFP) — The Algerian government has launched a media offensive against Islumic fundamentalists held responsible for thousands of deaths in nearly three years of bloody civil

As part of its campaign to counter the government's enemies. Algerian state television has begun running a series of nightly programmes featuring alleged confessions of former members of fundamentalist armed groups.

Religious leaders have been shown attacking armed groups and accusing them of "operating against Islam and the people." The government exercises strict control over large sections of the press and almost total control over television and radio.

State television late Monday showed pictures of the bodies of two murdered women students. Zoulikha and Saida Boughedou, killed at the weekend for refusing to enter moutau marriages.

Denounced by liberal Muslims and women's groups as a form of legalised prostitution, the moutau practice involves the contracting of an undeclared marriage for a limited period of time varying between several hours and a number of months. The practice is allowed

SEMBACH (AP) - The

U.S. AIB Force called just

one witness Monday in pre-

under Shiite Islamic law. which is not valid in Algeria.

The bodies of the women. aged 25 and 21, were found in the Blida region, a fundamentalist stronghold 40 kilometres south of Algiers. They had been knifed to

death by Islamic fundamentalists after being abducted Friday night along with their parents and brother from the family home and refusing to enter into temporary marriages with armed militants, an official statement said. The parents and brother

were still being sought. The media blitz came in a week when security forces stepped up operations against Islamists, claiming to have killed at least 112 in recent

Thousands have died in violence in Algeria since February 1992, when the military cancelled the second round of general elections the Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) was poised to win.

On Sunday evening. Abdelhui Chuouche, the Imam at Bir El Ater in the far east of the country and a member of the outlawed FIS called on the group's leaders Abassi" Madani and Ali Belhudi to denounce the armed groups. Basing his argument on

verses of the Koran, and quotations from the Prophet Mohammad. Sheikh Chaquehe said a "fatwa" or holy order issued by Belhadi legitimising the "jihad" or holy war against the govern-

ment was worthless. "The jihad should instead be waged against the armed groups." he said.

Sheikh Chaouche accused the groups of defying Islam by practising sodomy, theft. raping women and holding women captive under the banned moutaa marriage

The government meanwhile hanned the El Umma duily newspaper and the weekly El Waih El Akhor for a month with effect from Tuesday for their alleged support of subversion and inciting crime as well as endangering public security, an interior ministry statement said. Both papers, one French

language and one Arabic, are held to be close to the Islam-Last Thursday, Communications Minister

Mohammad Bernmar Zerhouni warned the press against giving "criminals and killers" a platform. The move unleashed a

'storm of criticism' from the press, with the Liberte paper asking whether the govern- ago.

ment might extend its grip on the publication of information by acting to censor French stations and not allow them to "deliver up-to-theminute news on the terrorism in our country."

The government faced further criticism late Monday from leaders of the Berber movement based in the north of the country, who called for a three-day general strike from Nov. 12 to protest at official neglect of their Tamazight language. A statement by the security

service said security forces killed 16 guerrillas in 10 Algerian regions in sweeps between Friday and Sunday. This brought the number of armed militants slain dur-

ing the last week to around

130, according to the latest official reports. In another incident, an anti-Islamist militant was killed near his Algiers home on Saturday night, the daily Al

Watan newspaper said. Lounes Djaballh. 44. a civil servant and member of the former Algerian Communist Party, was shot dead in a parking lot.

Between 10.000 and 20.000 people have been killed in violence in Algeria since the

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Queen, Mongella visit Dana village

AMMAN (J.T.) - Her Majesty Queen Noor, patron of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN), on Tuesday visited Dana village, to review prog-ress of the RSCN to integrate socio-economic development with the conservation of nature in the Tafileh Governo-

Queen Noor was accompanied by Mrs. Gertrude Mongella, president of the Fourth World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing in 1995, to survey the comprehensive development plan in Dana Nature Reserve and Village, and the production projects, in particular women in development projects.

The Queen and Mrs. Mongella discussed development projects for women. Mrs. Mongella praised Queen Noor's efforts in training women and creating income opportunities for them through the various projects of the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF).

Queen Noor visited the Qadisiyeh Ladies Coopera-

tive Society's new project to refine and repair local semiprecious stones jewelry manufacture. She committed further NHF assistance with equipment, training and marketing support as part of its work to promote traditional jewelry manufacture in the Kingdom. The Dana Reserve is home

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to a large number of species, many of which are endangered, and which also houses a camp site for tourists to promote ecological tourism and provide visitors with the opportunity to experience the area's unique beauty. Future plans include. building a museum to display the rich archaeological treasures of that area, and a research centre to study its diverse ecosystem.

Earlier Tuesday, Mrs. Mongella visited the NHF and the Jordan Design and Trade Centre (JDTC). She expressed her wish that the centre hold an exhibition in Beijing to display the quality and high standard production of women in Jordan.

Israel proposes energy projects with Arabs

TEL AVIV (AP) — Israel hopes to revive dormant oil pipelines linking the Arab World with the Mediterranean and is studying proposals to establish a free-trade zone for buying and selling crude oil. the energy minister said Monday.

The minister, Moshe Shuhal, told a news conference that Israel should be able to process many different types of crude oil piped in from Arab countries.

Outlining energy policies in an era of Middle East peace, Mr. Shahal said Israel. Jordan and Egypt were negotiating connecting their electricity grids and other countries might follow.

"It would be possible to establish a very big spot market for electricity, buying and selling electricity from Europe to countries in the Middle East." Mr. Shahal

Mr. Shahal said Israel and its Arab neighbours were also considering proposals to jointly set up power plants at the source of energy, such as natural gas. rather than ship-

"It will be possible to have a power plant in Saudi Arabia, selling electricity to countries like Jordan, Israel. the Palestinians, or hydroelectric power plants in Turkey," he said.

Mr. Shahal said Israel was fixing a pipeline from its Red Sea port of Eilat to the Mediterranean port of Ashkelon which until the 1970s was used to ship 40 million tonnes of crude oil a year from Iran to Europe. Israel had good relations with Iran until Ayatollah

Ruhollah Khomeini came to power in Tehran in 1979. Mr. Shahal said up to 100 million tonnes of crude oil could be shipped yearly through the renovated pipe-

"Some businessmen from the Gulf, from Kuwait. Bahrain and Oman have already visited Israel and discussed the possibility of storage for their crude oil to be... shipped this way, he said.

He said Israel might also" fix a pipeline used during the British mandate period to send oil from Iraq and Saudi Arabia to the Mediterranean port of Haifa. Mr. Shaha said it would cost about \$100 million to fix up the line.

2 accused of plotting to kidnap hijack suspect

kidnap a man wanted for the 1985 hijacking of a TWA airliner and turn him over to U.S. authorities. sources said Tuesday.

condition of anonymity, said an arrest warrant has been issued for a third man who allegedly masterminded the plan to abduct Hassan Izzi-

The two men being held were identified as Haitham Kazan, 30, and Hassan Hamdar. 28. Their alleged leader.

who is still at large, was named as Ali Taleb. 30. Examining Magistrate Michel Abu Arraj ordered the arrests after interrogating

Kazan and Hamdar. Both were being held in solitary confinement. the sources

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BEIRUT (AP) - Lebanese that they planned to kidnap. authorities have arrested two Izzidine from the south Lebanese men for plotting to Beirut seaside district of

They planned to put him on a waiting speedboat and take him to a U.S. Sixth Fleet warship off the coast, where The sources, speaking on he would be handed over to American authorities and flown to the United States to stand trial, the sources said. On Sept. 13, 1987, the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) grabbed Fawaz Younis, a Lebanese wanted for hijacking a Jordanian airliner carrying American passengers in Beirut June 11. 1985.

> Agents posing as narcotics traffickers lured him aboard a yacht in international waters in the Mediterranean off. Cyprus by offering him a drug deal. Younis was convicted by a

U.S. court in 1989 and sentenced to 30 years' imprison-

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the lead pilot who shot down the first UH-60 Blackhawk chopper on April 14 over northern Iraq. testified under immunity in a closed courtroom with papered-over windows. Capt. Wickson's squadron

commander. Colonel Randv W. Mav. was flying wing that day and fired the missile from his F-15 jet fighter that destroyed the second Blackhawk as the pilots closed in at more than 80 kilometres per hour.

A decorated 19-year air force veteran. Col. May is facing the military's equivalent of a grand jury hearing. Capt. Wickson has not been charged, although he could

Both pilots believed they were shooting down Iraqi Hind choppers that were violating a "no-fly" zone. Instead, 15 Americans, six Kurds and military officers from Britain. France and Turkey were killed.

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The proceedings at Sembach air base were closed to the news media, reflecting the sensitivity of a "friendly fire" case whose severe charges are apparently unparalleled in modern U.S. milit-

The record shows that Col. May and Capt. Wickson were not informed by the crew of an Air Force AWACs radar plane monitoring the airspace that the two Blackhawks were in the area.

Five officers on the AWACs, which tracked the helicopters for seven minutes before the attack, have been charged with dereliction of

Two of them, including the major in command, have waived their right to a pretrial hearing, leaving it to their commanding general to decide whether they should be court-martialed.

If tried and convicted, the five could be dishonourably discharged and imprisoned for up to three months. At a hearing last month at

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Tinker air force base in Oklahoma, lawyers for the three AWACs controllers suggested that their clients had been poorly trained. Testimony indicated that

understanding of its mission and that there had previously been similar poor communication between AWACs crews, jet fighters and army helicopter pilots. Capt. Wickson testified

last month at the Tinker hearing that he was "positive" the helicopters were Hinds after he made visual contact and because he had not been able to identify them electronically as

Capt. Wickson, who had been flying F-15s since 1991 and admitted he had little experience in low-altitude intercepts, said he thought the helicopters were luring him

and Col. May into a trap. Col. May. 41, has been flying F-15s for 11 years and had been decorated for downing an Iraqi Hind during the Gulf war, although lead defence attorney Col. Earl Martin said that chopper had been out of visual range.

Col. May would not speak to reporters on Monday. He expressed remorse in a pubic statement calling the shootdown the result of a long chain of human error. "Colonel May though fired that those helicopters were hostile," said defence attorney Capt. Barbara Shestko. "He was mistaken. but that's what he believed." Capt. Shestko reported no animosity between Col. May

and Capt. Wickson, who had been flying together for 10 months and "had a very good relationship." They remain based on Spangdahlem air base in Germany. Prosecuting officers have refused to speak to reporters

about the case. Major General Eugene Santarelli, who will decide whether May is court-martialed, closed the hearing to media coverage. Lead defence attorney Capt. Earl Martin said the

proceedings, known as an Article 32 hearings, would likely last two to three days. Gen. Santarelli. commander of the 17th Air Force, will decide whether to court-martial Col. May afte the report of the

The defence said it expected Col. Starr to take about a month to present his recommendations to Gen. Santarelli.

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Tuesday receives an Omani delegation,

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Secretary General Rajiba Abdul Ameer,

participating in Arab Regional Prepara-

AMMAN (J.T.) — Streng-thening the capabilities of

Arab women to enter the

lahour market and achieve

self-reliance, coping with the

effects of wars and armed

conflict, and violence against

Arab women were the issues

discussed at Tuesday's morn-

ing session of the Arab Pre-

paratory Meeting for the

Fourth World Conference on

Women to be held in Beijing

in 1995, according to a U.N.

Economic and Social Com-

mission for Western Asia

for the Advancement of Arab

Women to the Year 2005 said

that although the Arab coun-

tries have witnessed seeming-

ly positive changes, these

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was reflected in the attitude

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ESCWA, a co-organiser of

the conference which began

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According to the docu-

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crease in female education

rates in certain specialisations

is an obstacle to the employ-

ment of women because of

the lack of opportunities suit-

able for their specialised

fields. Hence the high level of

unemployment among

women in certain scientific

and technical fields, the

participating in the three-day

expert level group meeting

stressed that women should

not be obliged to work but

should have the option and

right to employment if they

so choose. The draft docu-

ment, which was to be final-

ned Tuesday evening, stres-

AMMAN (J.T.) — A special

ministerial committee formed

to assess the status of areas

affected by recent floods in

the Kingdom Tuesday sub-

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Delegates and observers

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The Draft Plan of Action

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Experts discuss women's

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Some participants objected to the words "in keeping with

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saying the phrase contradicts

the general objective of pro-

viding equal opportunities for

women in the labour market,

according to the ESCWA

On the issue of coping with

the effects of wars and armed

conflict on Arab women, the

Draft Regional Plan of Ac-

tion, which will be presented

to the high-level segment on

Wednesday for adoption,

said women should partici-

pate in peace negotiations

and in the settlement of con-

Until now, the document

noted, women have not taken

part in decision-making pro-

cesses, yet they suffer from

the consequences of wars.

Women in war circumstances

are often subjected to tor-

ture, abduction and rape, in

addition to any psychological

disorders they may suffer.

One delegate, who was

supported by other repre-

sentatives and experts, re-

jected the use of blockades

on countries as a form of

punishment, saying it

affected innocent women and

children. She urged the inclu-

sion of a paragraph in the

Draft Plan of Action on the

United Nations' use of "dou-

hle standards' in im-

plementing resolutions in the

region, describing this prac-

tice as "harmful and danger-

ous." according to Ms. Azar.

session, two new sections,

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to the Draft Plan of Action.

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The statement, which did not specify the amount of the aid, said that a committee to be formed by Minister of Social Development Moham-

mad Squur will take charge of the distribution of financial

Flood victims to get aid — Cabinet

The ministerial committee. led by Interior Minister Salameh Hammad, Monday toured the flood-stricken areas in the Amman, Ramtha, Irbid. Mafraq and Zarqa regions, inspected the extent of damage and met with local residents and officials before submitting its re-

In Amman. Governor Talaat Nawaiseh chaired a meeting of the emergency committee in Amman Governorate and studied the reported damage.

A statement following the meeting said that aid will be distributed to the families af-

ter a final report on the situation is presented by a subcommittee chaired by Assistant Governor Hani Sawaged.

So far in Amman, only residents of the Wadi Abdoun district were reported to have suffered from floods which inundated their homes on Monday.

Meanwhile, the Department of Meteorology said Tuesday that it expects no low atmospheric pressure in the coming few days, but added that Wednesday will be partly cloudy during the day with temperatures reaching a minimum of 17°C dropping to as low as 3 C at

WHAT'S GOING ON

FILMS

EXHIBITIONS

Gallery, Fuheis at 6:00 p.m. Documentary film entitled "Life in the Freezer" (Part 1) at the British Council at

Film entitled "Piano" at the Balkan Art & Exhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Abdul Jabbar Salman at Alia Art Gallery. A Exhibit entitled "Signs and Symbols: Communication and Interpretation from the Brandywine Workshop" at the American Center.

Health ministry reports 110 AIDS cases

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Health Ministry Tuesday said that the total number of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) cases in Jordan since the discovery of the first case in 1986 has reached 110, adding that most cases were contracted abroad.

Saad Kharabsheh, head of the ministry's Communicable Diseases Department, said in a lecture at a seminar for journalists on the role of the media in helping to prevent the spread of AIDS, that of the registered AIDS cases 80 were Jordanians patients and the rest were patients of other nationalities.

Dr. Kharabsheh said that the AIDS virus is at its early stage of spreading in Jordan. but efforts were under way by the Health Ministry and other organisations to curtail and prevent additional cases. Health Minister Aref Batayneh told the meeting that AIDS is a killer disease that terrifies various communities, rich or poor, and

one for which no effective

treatment has been found.

ference on Women to be held in Beijing in

1995. Princess Basma Tuesday also re-

ceived Sudanese Minister of Planning

Marian Othman and Kuwaiti Ministry of

Planning Undersecretary Mariam Al

to provide protection for

women to prevent their expo-

sure to violence in its various

forms through preventive

measures, education and

awareness. It explained that

women suffer from violent

practices in many forms, in-

cluding violence within the

home and in the street, the

out of school, forced or early

marriages, the relinquish-

ment of personal and civil

rights, and polygamy were

listed in the new section as

forms of violence against

According to the ESCWA

spokesperson, after an emo-

tional speech about the plight

of women in Algeria, the

delegate from that nation

urged participants to support

her in including a section in

the document condemning

violence against women by

terrorists using the cover of

detailed atrocities against

Algerian women and girls,

said that in line with the

theme of this conference,

"peace for the advancement

of Arab women," the meet-

ing must condemn terrorism

and violence and support the

means of struggling against

them through joint action,

said the ESCWA statement.

which is used as a means of

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as ensuring women's equal

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the patronage of Her Royal

Highness Princess Basma is

organised by ESCWA, the

League of Arab States and

the Centre of Arab Women for Training and Research.

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ratory committees for the

Fourth World Conference on

Women, intergovernmental

and non-governmental orga-

nisations (NGOs), U.N.

agencies and experts.

Participants to the meeting

The meeting, held under

Azar said,

"Terrorism and violence

The former minister, who

religion.

women, added Ms. Azar.

Compelling girls to drop

ESCWA statement said.

For this reason, said the minister. Jordan relies basically on spreading public awareness through health education on AIDS preven-

The fact that a relatively few number of AIDS cases spread, said Mr. Etoum.

which falls on December each year, discussed means of the media in helping to stop

Abdullah Etoum, director

of the Jordan News Agency. Petra, urged the media to play a leading role in orienting the public against the dangers of AIDS and methods of protection.

have been registered in Jordan so far reflects the efficient and fruitful efforts spearheaded by the Health Ministry in cooperation with other institutions to combat the spread of the disease The seminar, organised

ahead of World AIDS Day Minister of Health Aref Batayneh (second the role of the media in helping to spread spreading awareness among the public, the role of the Blood Bank in taking preventive measures and adopting safe blood transfusion procedures as well as the role of



left) Tuesday presides over a seminar on public awareness on AIDS the spread of the disease. World AIDS Day was called for by the World Health Organisation (WHO) which has repeatedly called on

U.N. member countries to

highlight the importance of June, when it said that 73! joint efforts in educating the Jordanians were tested post- ? public about the virus. Dr. Kharabsheh's figures contrast with the health

ministry's announcement last

tive for AIDS 30 non-Jordanians visiting the Kingdom at the time were also

Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Tues- lic life, including the appointment of day reviews the status of Jordanian women to municipal and rural commitwomen with Secretary General of the tees. Mrs. Mongella voiced deep apprecia-Fourth World Conference on Women tion to Jordan for its significant contribu-Gertrude Mongella, who is currently in tion to the World Conference on Women Jordan to participate in a related prepa- to be held in Beijing next year. The ratory meeting for the 1995 conference. meeting was attended by, Minister of Dr. Majali said the Jordanian govern- Social Development Mohammad Scout ment has recently taken several decisions (Petra photo) to enhance women's participation in pub-

'Conference to discuss human dimension of Mideast peace process

Special to the Jordan Times and representatives of major-

AMMAN - A two-day conference entitled "The Human Dimension of the Middle East Peace Process" will be inaugurated Saturday by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Prince Hassan, chairman of the board of the Jordanian Institute of Diplomacy (ID), called for the conference which will assess the ramifications of the peace process on the general public.

The conference will consider its positive effects and the problems to be overcome, ID President Mazen Armouti told a press conference Tues-

The international roundtable is sponsored by the newly-established institute and will be its first major event to be undertaken. The conference (Nov." 12-" 13) will be attended by prominent intellectuals, officials

governmental organisations (NGOs) from around the

In the plenary sessions and sub-committee meetings, flict participants will discuss peace making and the humdin dimension, the role of NGO: in the transition to peace and the role of the U.N. in the aftermath of peace treaties. Dr. Armous explained. .

Recommendations evelving from the conference will be presented in the concluding session on Sunday. According to Dr. Armouti, ID is a multi-dimensional.

organisation that aims to serve as a "thinktank" as we! as a training centre for diplemats and those involved in international relations. addition he said that the ID intends - topiconduct - studies and research to increase kribwiedge of worldwide developments and their impact on Jordan.

Visiting Yemeni team looks into social services

AMMAN (Petra) — Her tive and information fields, as was briefed on voluntary ma Tuesday received in her tions and legislations. office visiting Yemeni Minister of Social Affairs Mohammad Abdullah Al Batni and an accompanying delegation and discuss issues of mutual

ticular," said Algeria's delegate. Her motion was sup-The delegation also Tuesported by most of the particiday visited the Social Security pants, according to Ms. Azar. Corporation (SSC) and met In Monday's evening seswith its director general. Safsion, participants discussed wan Tougan.

> The two sides discussed scopes of cooperation between SSC and the Yemeni Ministry of Social Affairs and Yemen's needs for Jordanian expertise in related fields.

The Yemeni side reviewed the development of its ministry and its need to benefit from the experience of the SSC in financial, administra-

Royal Highness Princess Bas- well as computers, subscrip- work in Jordan.

ma Tuesday received in her tions and legislations.

Dr. Khatib said one of the

The Jordanian side voiced its willingness to cooperate with the Yemeni ministry and to provide it with expertise in various fields in addition to offering training to its personnel, in Amman.

The two sides also reviewed their experience in investing social security funds.

They underlined the need to coordinate their stands at Arab and international conferences and to exchange views on issues at such meetings' agenda.

Also Tuesday, Mr. Batni visited the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS) were he met with its President Abdullah Khatib and

most successful projects carried out by GUVS was the credit funds project offering assistance to needy families to help them establish income generating projects, such as bee and cattle breeding.

Dr. Khatib said the project won a \$25,000 United Nations Award in 1993.

He also outlined the services offered by centres for the handicapped in the Kingdom and the ongoing work to establish Al Amal Cancer Centre.

Later in the day, the delegation visited Al Amal Centre near the University of Jordan.

Mr. Batni also met with Director General of the



Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Tuesday receives a visiting Yemeni Ministry of Social Affairs delegation led by Minister Mohammad Batni (Petra photo)

Orphans Fund Mohammad Kreisha and Director General of the Development and

Employment Fund Ali-Qaba'a for talks of bilateral,

The rare palette of one of Spain's finest

By Ica Wahbeh Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — Daniel Argimon, one of the most famous contemporary Spanish artists whose work spans over four decades, will have his latest works exhibited in the halls of the Instituto Cervantes starting Nov. 10.

A students of fine arts in Paris, New York and Barceiona and professor of graphic art in Barcelona. Mr. Argimon's exhibition in Amman, after those in a score of other world museums, is part of an itinerant exhibition that will take him to Damascus, Beirut, Cairo and Alexan-

The abstract works, rich in texture and techniques, are collages made of acrylic, oil and various materials that complete and complement the whole.

The colour combination in the artist's frames is flawless. Nothing jars the eye or spoils the mood in which the infinite shades transport the viewer.

The abstract images draw the eye and force it to focus on minute portions of representations, deriving meanings and symbols. going deep into the canvas. drawn by a dizzy eddy of sensations.

It is difficult to detach vourself from the fascinating attraction of the beckoning colour and image.

The many different shades of blue, from the lightest to that of a stormcharged sky and passing through anil, deep sea, chicory or lapis lazuli, are the colours of the majority of paintings. The oil strokes are firm and vigorous, giving depth and turbulent movement to the rame.

Flecks of grey, ochre, silver, black and orange are strewn here and there to enliven the already tumultuous, contorted life of the frames. Not disrupting, but

rather complementing, are the brown-shade paintings where the rich oil streaks remind of fertile soil, potter's hands, autumn's abundance, ripe oranges or sunsets on a wheat field.

The flakes of paper, bits of sack-cloth, tin foil or tassels of the collage provide a welcome disruption and add a mysterious. cabalistic, oriental touch to the already rich, brocadelike texture.

The exhibition, to be held under the patronage of Princess Wijdan Ali, starts Nov. 10 and lasts until Nov. 25.



ARGIMON

Instituto Cervantes en Amman, del 10 al 25 de Noviembre de 1994

The work of Spain's Daniel Argimon

Cambodian rebels use forced labour to prepare for fighting

PHNOM PENH (AFP) -Khmer Rouge guerrillas are abducting villagers and forcing them to build roads to transport material for an expected surge in fighting northern Camodian, officials said Tuesday.

Deputy Chief of Staff Nhiek Bunchay and Siem Reap police chief Chea Sophap told AFP that more than 200 villagers had been taken from their homes in recent weeks and forced to build roads and carrying material from guerrillas.

They were responding to a report in the Cambodia Daily Tuesday, quoting Siem Reap provincial officials, that more than 400 had been abducted to work for the Khmer Rouge ahead of an anticipated dry season offensive.

Cheap Sophap, who said villagers were used "as slaves," added that he expected the Khmer Rouge to attack Chi Kreng district of Siem Reap province within the next two days.

"I just received informa-

LONDON (R) — The head

of India's diplomatic mission

to Britain Monday accused

Pakistani intelligence of "ac-

tive connivance" in the re-

cent kidnapping near Delhi

denied this and called the

accusations part of a "con-

tinuing disinformation cam-

paign launched by the Indian

Ahmad Omar Saeed

Sheikh, a 20-year-old Briton.

holding three Britons and an

American. He is alleged to

have held the Britons at gun-

. is currently under arrest for

government."

But Pakistani diplomats

of four Western tourists.

tion today that the Khmer Rouge have brought 10 tractors of ammunition for DK-82 mortars and many propelled grenades and AK-47 ammunition to the commune of Kok Thlok of Chi Kreng district," Chea Sophap said.

Nhiek Bunchay said the government had sent fresh troops into the area, although his information was that only one tractor of ammunition had been sent in.

The police chief stressed that increased guerrilla activity should not affect tourism at the Angkor Temple site in Siem Reap province, which was at least 70 kilometres

General Ung Qeurn, military operations commander for the province, told the Cambodia Daily that the 80kilometres (50-mile) road under construction between Anlong Veng and Varin would speed up deliveries of ammunition and other mate-

rial to the guerrillas. "There are no government troops in the north," the

general was quoted as saving. "They have given up protecting the area because it is hard to reach and thick forests blanket the region."

Meanwhile outgoing Foreign Minister Prince Norodom Sirivudh lashed out Tuesday at corrupt high-ranking military officials and former Communists for bypassing his ministry and undermining his authority.

Speaking to reporters after a ceremony where he handed the seal of office to incoming Foreign Minister Ung Huto. Prince Sirivudh complained that corrupt elements in the upper echelons of the armed forces prevented him from implementing a policy to protect Cambodia's national in-

tegrity. "If your marine officers provide illegal licences to Thais to fish in our country. how can the poor foreign minister react to this? They are supposed to protect the national interest but at the same time they do business with Thai fishermen, they

play a double game." he said, adding that the military was also involved in smuggling and illegal logging.

Another major reason for his resignation was a lack of respect for the authority of his ministry, said the prince. who remains a parliament member and general secretary of the Royalist FUNCIN-PEC Party.

Prince Sirivudh said many members of the former Communist Cambodian People's Party "still support the old style in the Communist and Socialist form and just ignore the Foreign Minsitry."

Prince Sirivudh resigned after his friend and close confidant, the outspoken Finance Minister Sam Rainsy, was sacked in a recent cabinet reshuffle.

Asked about reports that he had made the move for "health reasons," the prince replied: "Yes, I resigned for health reasons, but if you ask me what my sickness is, that is another story."



Ranariddh (right) introduces new foreign minister Ung Huot (left) after Prince Norodom Sirivudh (centre) resigned. Prince Sirivudh, widely respected by the diplomatic commun-

former finance minister, was sacked and lambasted corrupt Cambodian officials for obstructing his job as foreign minister (AFP photo)

Greek police arrest plane hijacker

liner, which was parked in an

isolated area after it was

forced down by a gunman

Earlier, police said forces

SALONIKA, Greece (AFP) - Police Tuesday arrested a hijacker who forced a Greek Olympic Airways plane to land at this northern Greek town and then freed the passengers and crew.

The arrest of the Greek hijacker was broadcast live on national television. The 68 Greek and German passengers and the crew of eight had earlier left the aircraft unharmed.

from Greece's special antiterrorist unit Ekav were on their way to the airport and Police surrounded the air-

Salonika.

extra security was put in place around the Athens Hellenikon Airport.

who threatened the pilot as he flew above the former armed man threatened the Yugoslav Republic of Macepilot "just after Belgrade." Greek passenger Michalis Flight 182 was a regular Salagoudis said the passenconnection from Dusseldorf gers "had no inkling that it in Germany to Ahens via was a hijacking."

"The pilot only told us that the plane was late because of

First reports said that an

bad weather and an air traffic jam," he said.

Tiger attack mars Sri Lanka's elections

COLOMBO (AFP) - Sri Lankan Navy thwarted a suicide bomb attack by Tamil guerrillas in the north of the country on the eve of Wednesday's election to determine which of two political widows will be the country's new president.

The rebel Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) lost seven fighters in a failed bid to blow up a naval landing craft in Vettilaikerni region Tuesday, but embarassed the government which initiated talks with the rebels.

Military officials said security forces destroyed three LTTE boats and killed the seven Tigers, while four sailors were wounded in a prolonged pre-dawn firefight in choppy seas.

But the attack-compounded the Problems of Prime Minister Chandrika Kumar- tical assassinations to be atunga, who suffered a setback after the LTTE's veteran local journalists. Dal-

alleged assassination of her main rival, Gamini Dissanayake, which forced his widow Srima into the fight for the presidency, analysts

The election, which has now become essentially a battle between the widows, is set to determine not only Sri Lanka's future leader but could possibly bring the curtains down on a much maligned constitution that centralises power.

Mrs. Kumaratunga, a who led her People's Alliance (PA) to victory in parliamentary polls in August, is now running for hte presidency and countered her oppo-

nent's tears by projecting her own widowhood. "How much of this sympathy will be translated into votes is difficult to assess. But we have seen too many polimoved by emotions," said

ton De Silva. Mrs. Kumaratunga's politician husband, Vijay, was shot dead in 1988. Her mother — Sirima Bandaranaike — became the world's first woman premier in 1960 after her husband. Prime Minister Solomon Bandaranaike, was assassinated in 1959.

The two main contenders and the four other minor candidates have all pledged to either scrap or drastically modify the 1978 constitution which gives unlimited powers to the president.

The government has repeatedly vowed to set aside the present constitution — modelled party on the French U.S. and British parliamentary democracy.

"She (Kumaratunga) wants to win the election not to enjoy the powers of the presidency but to scrap it. We are very clear on it." Justice Minister G. L. Peiris said.

Sequel planned for A Fish Called Wanda

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LONDON (R) - United International Pictures said Tuesday it was reuniting John Cleese, Jamie Lee Curtis, Kevin Kline and Michael Palin in a comedy along the lines of A Fish Called Wanda. "The new film is an equal, not a sequel," the studio quoted Cleese as saying in a statement. Cleese has co-written and is co-producing the film as well as starring in it — as he did in A Fish Called Wanda. The prolific Cleese, who burst upon the British comedy scene with the now-classic Monty Python television series, hopes to repeat the 1987 success of Wanda. That film, which grossed \$31 million in its first year, featured a bungling team of American and British thieves and an uptight English lawyer.

Virgin Mary to see off Spanish prostitutes

MADRID (R) — A giant statue of the Virgin Mary is to be erected in a Madrid park in the hope that its presence will rid the area of prostitutes. The nine-metre (30 feet) high statue was commissioned by the National Campaign for Worship, which originally wanted it to stand on the tranquil lawns of Retiro Park. But city authorities, anxious to prevent large crowds gathering in the Retiro, decided on the less salubrious Parque Del Oeste as a more fitting resting place for the Virgin. The leader of the statue campaign, Juan Bautista Sanchez said the Virgin's watchful eye could prove the godsend the Parque Del Oeste needed to cure it of its prostitution problem.

Chinese army to crack down on underage volunteers

BEIJING (AFP) — The Chinese army is to crack down on underage recruits who forge birth documents to join up in the hope of receiving an education and job placement on demobilisation. a report said Monday. Army regulations state a minimum age of 18 for new recruits, but the Liberation Army Daily said an increasing number of San Francisco demonstrators protest volunteers — some as young as 15 — have been using false papers to join the ranks. The trend came to light when an army court in one of China's seven military regions found that 10 per cent of military cases tried in the past year had involved underage soldiers. According to the newspaper, most of the young enlistees were abetted by their parents, who wanted their children to receive an army education. Some parents simply wanted to get rid of "problem" children, the daily said, while others saw military service as a path to better employment. Demobilised soldiers in China often receive preferential job placement.

Hundreds of stray dogs buried alive in Taiwan

TAIPEI (AFP) - A Taiwanese . animal welfare crusader Sunday called for an investigation into the deaths of hundreds of stray dogs buried alive near a garbage dump outside the capital. The call came as local newspapers published pictures showing helpless dogs stepping on top of each other trying to struggle for freedom in a deep concrete shaft with a diameter of one metre (3.3) at Shulin, part of Taipei County. "It is the most inhuman and irresponsible way of dealing with the strays by local dog catchers that I have ever seen," the enraged president of the Help Save A Pet Fund, Lily Wang, told AFP. Taiwan has an estimated 1.5 million stray dogs. Ms. Wang said the dogs at Shulin were apparently dumped by local catchers in the shaft, noting that some of the animals still had wire, often used to catch strays, tied around their necks. "There are nine such shafts, and seven of them have been filled with rocks covering the top. In the rest of the shafts, we found the dogs," she said, adding most of the dogs in one open shaft had already died, while in another half were still alive. Ms. Wang said that after being informed by an animal lover Friday about the practice, which has apparently been going on for sometime. she led a group of volunteer workers to the scene, where barks and stench filled the air.

point, tethering them to a stake and threatening to behead them one by one. Krishna Rajan, India's High commissioner in London, told a news conference: ""It was not only well within the knowledge of Pakistan, it could not be done without

No deeper U.S. troop cuts planned --- Perry

WASHINGTON (R) — The Pentagon does not plan deeper cuts in U.S. troops strength to meet a military budget deficit facing the armed forces. Defence Secretary William Perry said.

"No. We are not contemplating any cut in troop strength," Mr. Perry said when asked how the Pentagon will address a possible gap of up to \$40 billion between planned U.S. miltiary spending and revenues over the next four years.

There are currently 1.6 million men and women in the shrinking U.S. Armed Forces, but Mr. Perry suggested there would be no proposal in the fiscal 1996 military budget to go below a final force of 1.45 million personnel planned for 1999. "We have a very complex

problem of putting our whole budget together and that process will be completed over the next few weeks." he told reporters at a Pentagon photo opportunity with visiting defence officials from Cambodia. "But of the things we are

considering, one of them is not a reduction in troop forces," Mr. Perry added. If no deeper troop cuts are planned, then the Pentagon would have to look at further deep cuts in arms programmes unless Congress approves higher defence

spending. The Washington Post reported Sunday that inflation projections had left the Defence Department scrambling to close a potential \$40 billion military budget gap over the next four years as it prepares the fiscal 1996 defence | day of a five-day visit. budget.

The 1996 budget, including a five-year projection for military spending, will be sent to Congress early next year. The Washington Post said the Pentagon was trying to eliminate half the deficit by killing or postponing arms programmes.

Defence officials told Reuters Monday that deeper cuts in military personnel beyond those already planned could endanger Pentagon strategy of being able to fight two major conflicts simultaneously.

their active connivance.

He said the kidnapping, which two Indian policemen died trying to end, was ordered by the Islamic fundamentalist organisation Harkat-Ul-Ansar (HUA).

Mr. Rajan said Mr. Ahmad Omar had cooperated with the Indian authorities since his arrest. They believed he had been recruited in Britain by an Islamic organisation called Convoy of Mercy and sent to

There he met his accomplice in the kidnapping. Abdul Rauf of HUA, and was persuaded to go first to Pakistan and then to a terrorist training school in the Afghan town of Kosth before being sent to Delhi with a mission to kidnap Wester-

"HUA functions under the

India accuses Pakistan over kidnap tutelage of, and in close cooperation with, the intelligence services of Pakistan.

Mr. Rajan said. The three Britons, Paul Ridout, Myles Croston and Rhys Partidge, were taken hostage in Saharanpur. a town 150 kilometres north of Delhi. American Bela Nuss was also captured but was held separately.

Mr. Rajan's accusations elicited an angry reply from the Pakistan High Commission in London.

"It is high time the Indian government stops misleading international public opinion," it said in a statement. "The fact is that the Indian authorities are trying to manufacture all kinds of incidents in order to malign the popular struggle of the Kashmiri people and involve Pakistan's name in such cases.



Prince Charles of Britain wears a safety outfit during his visit to the Tsing Ma Bridge construction site. The bridge was one of the \$20.3 billion new airport projects which will be finished by mid-1997, the time Britain is to return Hong Kong to Chinese rule (AFP photo)

Charles appeals for China's 'goodwill' over Hong Kong

HONG KONG (AFP) -Britain's Prince Charles, in a speech to Hong Kong business leaders, appealed Tuesday for a "vital measure of goodwill" from China as the British colony prepares for its return to Chinese sovereignty.

In an address to the British Chamber of Commerce, the Prince of Wales said he was "pleased to see how much has been accomplished" between Britain and China since they agreed on Hong Kong's July 1997 handback.

"These achievements encourage me to believe that, with goodwill and increasingly close cooperation between -both sides, other outstanding problems can be resolved." he said on the penultimate

But, with Governor Chris Patten listening nearby, the prince then implied that the onus was on China, rather than Britain, to go the extra mile in assuring Hong Kong's long-term success.

"I hope very much..., that this vital measure of goodwill - and the wish to see. Hong Kong continue to flourish will be found over many years in the people and gov-

ernment of China," he said. Earlier in the day, Prince

Charles donned a blue hard-

hat and red safety belt to

inspect Hong Kong's first sus-

lionhead fish with shrimp. and bitter chocolate mar-His measured remark about China came against the

pension bridge, part of the

\$20.3 billion Chek Lap Kok

rie appeared to enjoy the

visit so much that he did not

bother to clean the mud off

his brown dress shoes as he

strolled into a deluxe hotel to

make his 10-minute speech to

There, in a grand ballroom

fitted with crystal chande-

liers, he dined at the head

table with Mr. Patten and

chamber executives on

smoked duck breast, seared

Airport project.

about 500 people.

backdrop of running Sino-British feuds over Hong Kong's historic change of sovereignty, including Mr. Patten's efforts to make local elections more democratic.

In the most recent flare-up. Beijing alleged the Jardine Matheson Group — skeptical of Hong Kong's prospects after 1997 — had won a major container port development contract in return for backing Mr. Patten's reforms.

Prince Charles heaped praise on British companies for "playing a significant part" in Hong Kong's development. "which enabled this barren rock to become such a fertile field for busi-

unlikely to sign peace pact

Angolan

rebels

LISBON (R) — UNITA rebels said Tuesday they were unlikely to sign a peace accord with the Angolan government next week because of an assault by Angolan government troops on their stronghold Huambo.

UNITA Commander Paulo Lukamba Gato told Portuguese TSF Radio from Huambo that the city was under heavy artillery fire.

"This battle is a turning point." he said. "Either we go decisively for peace or we begin a new phase of the Asked if he now ruled out

signing a new peace accord in the Zambian capital Lusaka on Nov. 15, he replied: " think so". UNITA will definitely not

attend a planned meeting of

rival military commanders in Lusaka Thursday, he added. The peace accord, initialled last week after 11 months of tortuous negotiations, pro-

vides for a formal ceasefire to take effect 48 hours after Angolan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos and UNITA leader Jonas Savimbi sign the agreement. Government media said Tuesday the military com-

manders would meet in Lusaka this week. It also said government forces had strategic control of Huambo. the central highlands city where Mr. Savimbi has his headquarters, which they have been attacking for two weeks.

Commander Lukamba Gato said government forces had not entered the city but

were shelling it hard. "The MPLA (government) is now 10 kilometres away and the city is red hot with artillery fire." he told TSF Radio.

"A climate of peace and a cessation of hostilities would have been necessary to allow the two sides to advance securely towards the signing of the protocol on the 15th of this month." he said.

against Zhirinovski's U.S. visit SAN FRANCISCO, Califor-Russia's parliament, arrived nia (Agencies) — Some 250 Sunday and plans to stay in people gathered outside a San Francisco two days before heading for New York. hotel here late Monday to protest an appearance by

Russian far-right leader Vladimir Zhirinovski. The demonstrators included Jewish groups and local politicians who spoke out against Mr. Zhirinovski's week-long visit to the United States on an improvised

podium. Most of the speakers voiced anger at the State Department for granting Mr. Zhirinovski an entry visa to the United States, which they said constituted a privilege. not a right.

The decision to grant the ouspoken anti-Semite a visa was based on respect for freedom of speech and did not constitute an endorsement of his opinions, the State Department said last week.

Mr. Zhirinovski, leader of the ultra-nationalist Liberal Democratic Party, the second-biggest grouping in

He was scheduled to speak at the World Affairs Council

meeting here. Several Jewish organisations have criticised the decision to let Mr. Zhirinovski into the United States. Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress, said Jews would stage protest actions during Mr.

Zhirinovski's visit. In the past 12 months, Germany. France. Spain Switzerland, Norway, Sweden and Slovenia have refused to give Mr. Zhirinovsky a visa.

Meanwhile, Mr. Zhirinovsky warning that military rule was a threat in his country and called Monday for early presidential elections. "Military rule is quite

possible in Russia." Mr. Zhirinovsky said in a speech sponsored by the World Affairs Council.

"We suggest speeded(-up)

elections to elect a new president and we are sure we will win." said Mr. Zhirinovsky. The next presidential elections are scheduled for 1996. At a press conference ear-

lier, Mr. Zhirinovsky said the situation in the Russian army was very difficult. "This army is at the edge of making some major decision. maybe some decisive action. We don't want to say in what

it will end." he said. speaking through an interpreter. Mr. Zhirinovsky, whose party took almost one-quarter of the votes in last December's Russian parliamentary elections, has alarmed many in the West with his

extreme nationalist com-Inside the hotel, a sceptical audience of about o(x) people packed a room to hear Mr. Zhirinovsky's views on Russian politics in a speech entitled "creating a new Russia.

Mr. Zhiriñovsky said that the government was afraid of the elections and would do its utmost to stop them.

Rwandan absence overshadows Franco-African summit

BIARRITZ, France (AFP) - French and African leaders met Tuesday at the casino in this coastal resort for their annual summit, overshadowed by the absence of Rwanda, which is emerging from an ethnic bloodbath. Several African heads of

state voiced digruntlement and astonishment at Paris's failure to invite the new authorities in the Rwandan capital Kigali, who have also demanded an explanation.

The summit opened after a breakfast for a score of French-speaking African heads of state and government. It is the last to be chaired by French President Francois Mitterrand who is due to step down next May after 14 years in power.

The agenda includes the development of democracy in Africa and the option of creating an African peacekeeping force, as well as economic issues, officials said. In all. 26 heads of state or

government and representa-

tives of nine other nations were present, including Zaire's Mobutu Sese Seko. Togo's Gnassingbe Evadema and Omar Bongo of Gabon. who are perceived as still only paying lip service to democracy after decades of personal rule. France's stated reason for

government installed in July by the former rehels of the Tutsi-led Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF) was that they had not clearly indicated they wanted to come. French officials said it was also felt the regime bad not

not inviting leaders of the

done enough to ensure the safe return of hundreds of thousands of refugees, mainly from the Hutu majority, who have fled to neighbouring Zaire. Late Monday, Rwandan

Prime Minister Faustin Two-

giramungu, a Hutu, rejected

France's explanation that

. Rwandan officials had not asked to participate in the summit taking place Tuesday and Wednesday. "I think strongly that if

Rwanda was not invited, it was for personal reasons." Mr. Twagiramungu said in comments carried by official Radio Rwanda and monitored by the BBC. "Other African countries. invited to the summit, do not

understand why Rwanda is absent." he said. "Therefore France should explain" this, he added. On arriving in this southwestern French Atlantic resort on Monday, the leaders of Mali. Zaire, Burundi,

said they regretted the absence of Rwanda. "It is more decent to talk about Rwanda with the Rwandans." Mali's President Alpha Oumar Konare said.

Congo and Burkina Faso all

The former Tutsi rebels have always condemned France's erstwhile close ties with the Hutu nationalists they overthrew amid the bloodletting which followed the death of Huty President Juvenal Habyarimana in a suspected rocket attack on his plane on April 6.

. Mr. Twagiramungu com-

plained about "contempt" shown by France, which planned to "discuss the problems of a country without giving that country an opportunity to speak. He said that he did not

believe that France had ignored Rwanda because it believed Kigali had gone over "the Anglophone camp, The backbone of the RPF consists of long-standing exiles from English-speaking Uganda, who once served in that country's army.

Security is tight in Biarritz, with large numbers of police and troops on hand, the airspace over the resort defended by missiles and the sea offshore closely patrolled.

Humanitarian organisations plan to hold a parallel "counter-summit" here, putting under the microscope France's African policies. On Saturday, several hun-

dred Basque and Breton nationalists demonstrated here against the organisation of a "neo-colonial summit in a region still colonised by

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Rescue workers carry away victims from the 'Sacro Monte' torrential rainfalls. The worst flooding this century left at least where five people lost their lives in a landslide following 59 people dead and caused widespread damage in Italy (AFP)

Berlusconi pledges aid for flood-ravaged north

ROME (R) - Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said Tuesday his government would declare a state of emergency and national mourning after severe flooding killed 59 people and left thousands homeless in north-

em Italy. Mr. Berlusconi, speaking before the start of a cabinet meeting to decide the government's response to the disaster, also pledged to immediately free 400 billion lire (\$260 million) in emergency

aid for the worst-hit areas. The prime minister, facing criticism that the government had reacted slowly, said after a briefing by civil protection authorities that Italy faced "a disastrous situation.'

"Let's put the controversies aside because the time to act is now." he said. "Later we can confront the problem of blame."

More rain fell in the northwest part of the country, much of which remained covered with floodwaters and mud -- which have caused an estimated \$4 billion of dam-

Streets were littered with wrecked cars and debris went from houses and Many rivers were under several metres above their normal levels.

Thindreds of people were diffiff from gas and electricity while at least a dozen communities in the worst-hit region of Piedmont were completely isolated because of blocked roads.

Pope John Paul sent his condolences to the flood victims in telegrams to the Archbishops of Turin and nearby Asti, which was also badly affected by the floods.

Thousands of emergency service officials and volunteers continued the clean-up in Piedmont while evacuations were ordered along the banks of Po River for fear flooding could spread to the east and south.

Civil defence authorities said an estimated S,000 people were left homeless after landslides and flooding from burst rivers buried scores of homes in Piedmont.

PESHAWAR, Pakistan

(AFP) — Islamic militants in

northern Pakistan, Tuesday

freed scores of hostages un-

harmed following an appeal

from their leader, as peace

returned to the trouble-torn

Soofi Mohammad, chief of

the Tanzim Nifaz-c-Shanat

Mohammedi (TNSM), called

for their release after being

escorted to the group's stron-

ghold in the town of Matta in

the country's North West

Frontier Province, where the

captives were held at gun-

The captives included gov-

crament and police officials

as well as judges, held during

the six days of bloody fighting

between the mulitants — who

"We have reached an

agreement with the govern-

ment and i appeal to you to

release the hostages." Depu-

ly Commissioner of the dis-

trict of Swat -- in the Trubled

are calling for the imposition

of Islamic law in the area -

and government forces.

ates, officials said.



mud and debris on the site where three houses of 14 people (AFP photo)

Twenty-seven people were still missing after Piedmont's worst rainstorms for 80 years. "The local economy has been brought to its knees like after World War II," Giuseppe Pichetto, an industrialist in the Piedmont area, told II Sole 24 Ore newspaper.

Local government officials estimated damage in Piedmont alone could reach \$3.5 billion with another \$600 million in damages in neighbouring Lombards.

Malakand Division — quoted

Mr. Soofi as telling his fol-

address system, Mr. Soofi

said he had held "successful

negotiations" with the au-

thorities on TNSM demands.

mainly on the enforcement of

Islamic Shariat Laws in the

Following his brief

address, the militants lifted

their siege of government

buildings and freed the hos-

tages without putting up any

two judges, one assistant

commissioner, more than a

dozen lawyers and many

police and paramilitary per-

lier said they did not want to

launch an assault on the mili-

tants' stronghold for fear of

endangering the safety of the

hostages as the captors were

Residents in the area told

AFP that armed activists who

Security officials had ear-

sonnel, the official said.

Those released included

resistance, the official said.

Speaking through a public

lowers in Matta.

tribal belt.

well-armed.

Crops on half the agricultural land in Piedmont were destroyed and hundreds of factories and businesses remained closed, they said.

Some officials complained of little warning about the danger of floods despite forecasts of torrential ran.

"On Sunday atternoon. when the flood was at its height, all the television did was advise people not to go out in their cars," said the head of Lombardy's Civil

had set up positions on near-

by hilltops abandoned their

posts after the release while

shops in Mana Bazaar staned

opening in the afternoon as

calm to return to the region.

count about 40 people have

died in six days of violence in

the region of Malakand.

According to an unofficial

During the unrest, reli-

gious zealots seized

severan government

buildings, paralysed local

administrations and barn-

caded roads, disrupting com-

towns of Mingora and Saidu

Sharif Monday after the

TNSM agreed to a ceasefire.

gion calling for his followers

to lay down their arms as the

government had agreed to

introduce strict Islamic Law

to the tribal region which has

a population of about 1.5

reached with the government

Details of agreement

million.

Mr. Soofi toured the re-

Calm returned to the key

munications in the area.

50 per cent over the last 18 years, but the annual average

Protection Department

Environmentalists blamed

the catastrophe in part on soil

erosion caused by widespread

deferestation carried out to

clear hilisides for farming,

Alberto Di Luca.

"Flooding has increased by rainfall has actually decreased," said the environmental pressure group Greenpeace.

tourism and housing.

Pakistan's Islamic militants release hostages were not immediately avail-

Pakistan's main human

rights group Tuesday hit out at the Muslim militants. The private Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP) urged the government to deal "firmly" with fundamentalist unrest in he Malakand region.

"Any inoughtless concessions to the militant clerics, which derogate from the normal laws of the land and norms of human rights will aggravate the plight of the citizens, especially women and minorities," an HRCP

statement said. "It will also create a dangerous precedent which might arouse the ambitions of conservative extremists elsewhere in the country. said the statement, issued by HRCP chief Asma Jahangir.

The group called upon the democratic forces in the country to take a "united stand" against the "forces of anarchy and lawlessness."

Zimbabwe presses Mozambique for unity government

War breaking out in neighbouring Mozambique, has increased pressure on President Josquim Chissano to form a post-election unity government, Zimbabwean official sources said Tuesday.

"We are giving very strong Mivice that it is in Mozambique's national interest that FRELIMO and RENAMO Work together in a govern-

peace and we have been

ing FRELIMO party, which has governed the southern Africa state since it gained independence from Portugal

election held late last month. His main rival. Afonso Dhiakama of the former rebel RENAMO movement which waged a 16-year guer-

The first official results released by Mozambique's independent National Electoral Commission Monday showed

that FRELIMO had so far won 52.17 per cent of the parliamentary votes counted compared to RENAMO's 30.27 per cent — on the basis of less than one-third of votes

Mr. Dhlakama.

Muslim-Se helling puts Sarajevo truce in jeopardy

SARAJEVO (AFP) — Intense fighting between Bosnian government and Serb forces has spread into Sarajevo, threatening a ninemonth-old truce on the use of heavy weaponry in the capital, U.N. officials said Tues-

After two weeks of successful offensive by the Muslim-led government army against Serb positions in northwest and southwest Bosnia, the two sides engaged in an intense, two-hour exchange of heavy weapons fire here late Monday.

There were at least 170 heavy weapon detonations in the course of the firefight in which at least five civilians were wounded on the Bosnian side, along with two soldiers on the Serb side, U.N. sector commander General Herve Gobilliard

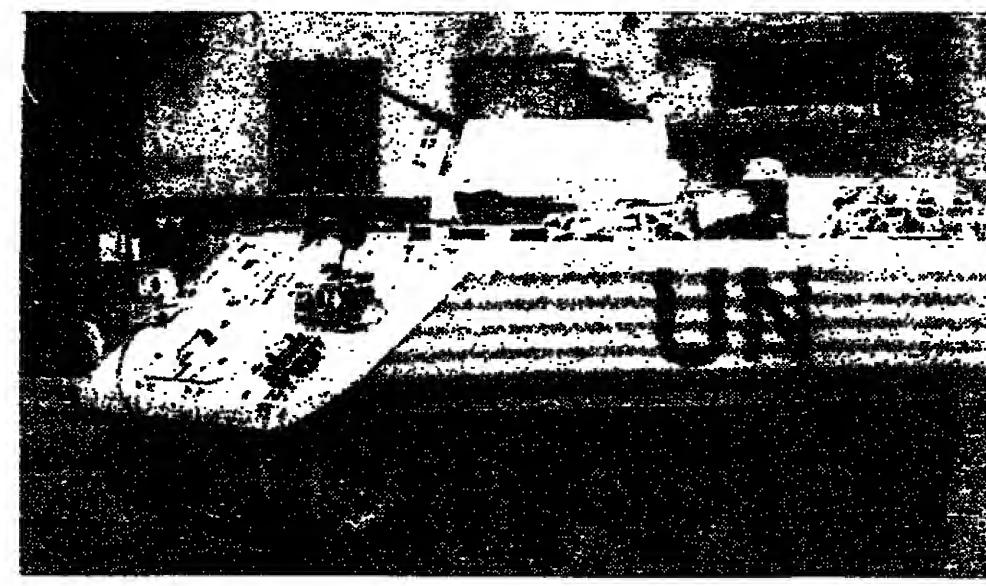
Weapons fired included 82mm and 120mm mortars. both of which are banned from within a 20 kilometre (12.4 mile) radius of the capital, in line with a February shelling truce agreement between warring government and Serb forces.

"If these intense, but usually short-lived firefights develop, they would obviously have a destabilising effect on the military situation here," U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Spicer said.

But he said that the fighting so far was "not significant" in terms "of attacks and changes to the confrontation lines.' "We don't think that we've

got a serious situation where the whole process around Sarajevo will unravel," he

Monday evening's sudden flare-up around the airport, in the western part of the city, followed an artillery duel Saturday night during which Serbs fired mortars impounded by the United Nations at two weapon collection points, in violation of a



Danish U.N. soldiers patrol the streets of pressured their calls for a NATO air presence Sarajevo after the NATO warned it will strike after Bosnian government forces and separatat any heavy weapons firing within the 20-km ist Serb forces exchanged heavy artillery fire radius around the city. The U.N. forces around the Bosnian capital (AFP photo)

NATO-policed accord not to shell the city.

On both Saturday and Sunday, the United Nations was forced to call in North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) fighters to buzz respective positions around Sarajevo and dampen the fighting spirit of the warring parties.

A few hours ahead of Monday evening's firefight, Serb forces again entered two U.N.-guarded weapon collection points and, in one instance, fired one 88mm mortar shell at an unknown target. Col. Spicer said.

The firing, during maintenance work on the weapons to which Serbs are given access, was "probably a mistake" he said.

In the second incident. Serbs tried to set up several artillery pieces in ready-firing positions at another compound.

The evening firefight was mostly centred on confrontation lines around the airport. but shells were also fired into inhabited suburbs, including Bosnian-held Dobrinja and Serb-held Ilidza.

"The firing is getting closer" to the centre of the city. Gen. Gobilliard said.

The airport's control tower also came under fire Monday evening and French U.N. soldiers there took to their shelters. Five shells fell inside the airport perimetre, but none hit the runway.

Asked whether NATO fighters could strike at mortars being fired in breach of the total exclusion zone agreement, Gen. Gobilliard suggested this would be very difficult.

"I can't really see how we could fire at a target located in the midst of a population' whose very protection is our mission," he said.

The outburst of fighting around Sarajevo followed a series of victories by Muslimled government forces against Serb positions in northwestern and southwestem Bosnia.

U.N. officials also reported "major military activity" Tuesday morning in the north of the country, from Doboj to the Posavina Corridor, with small-scale infantry attacks by government forces

and large-scale shelling by both parties. In the west, it remained unclear whether the Serbs had launched their much heralded counter-attacks, but there was heavy shelling of Muslim-held territory by

Croatian Serbs to the southeast of Bihac enclave. In the southwest, where government troops and their Bosnian Croat allies last week captured the strategic town of Kupres, government forces Monday continued a northwesterly advance, but it appeared they were "filling a

vacuum" left by retreating Serbs, Col. Spicer said. Serbs Monday also fired at the Muslim-held enclave of Gorazde, in the east of the country. But the U.N. spokesman said a build-up of Serb forces in the area appeared aimed at threatening Muslim-led troops attacking southeast of Sarajevo

rather than the enclave itself.

Supporter retracts comment on Balladur candidacy

PARIS (R) — A parliamentary supporter of French Prime Minister Edouard Balladur said Tuesday the premier would definitely be a candidate in primary elections for next year's presidential election, then hastily retracted his words.

The prime minister's office said parliamentarian Patrick Balkany had been speaking only for himself and his statement did not reflect Mr. Balladur's intentions.

The incident was an embarrassment for the conservative premier, who has sought to remain above the fray while his fellow Gaullist rival Jacques Chirac, the mayor of Paris, has plunged into premature campaigning by announcing his candidacy.

Thirteen hard core pro-Balladur deputies attended a strategy meeting Tuesday with government spokesman Nicolas Sarkozy and the head of Mr. Balladur's office. Nicolas Bazire, the premier's two closest aides.

Emerging from the session. Mr. Balkany told France 3 Television: "Edouard Balladur always said he wouldn't be a candidate before January, but he said last night he was ready to participate in primaries in January. "He will be a candidate in

primaries if there are other candidates for (such) primaries." Mr. Balkany added. Within half an hour. Mr. Bazire issued a statement saying: "Any declaration sugintention to participate in this system comes neither from him nor from those close to Mr. Balkany then went on Iunchtime television news to

gesting that the prime minis-

ter's support for the organisa-

tion of primaries reflects his

say he had been misunderstood and had meant to express his personal hope and belief that Mr. Balladur would indeed be a candidate.

Mr. Balladur was attending a Franco-African summit meeting in the southwestern town of Biarritz at the time. Mr. Chirac announced his

persidential candidacy last Friday and dismissed the idea of primaries to select a single conservative contender. proposed by Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, as too late and too costly.

Responding indirectly to Mr. Chirac's move. Mr. Balladur said for the first time clearly Monday that he favoured holding a primary election in January to choose a unity candidate for his centre-right coalition.

President Francois Mitterrand has said he doubts primaries would be constitutional, and many political commentators doubt they will ever be held, suggesting the entire debate is a tactic to make Mr. Balladur appear as the natural unity candidate and make Mr. Chirac look divisive.

The prime minister has carefully avoided saying he

would be a candidate himself. insisting he is too busy governing the country and will only address the presidential election next year.

Mr. Chirac has reopened deep wounds in France over European Union by promising voters the final sav over plans for a single European currency if they elect him as president next year.

Mr. Chirac's pledge led to the first clash with the government of Mr. Balladur, in which Mr. Chirac's party is the dominant partner, since he became the first main contender to enter the presiden-

Economy Minister Edmund Alphandery, a centrist, said Monday he saw no reason to consult voters again because they had approved the Maastricht Treaty on European Union in a referendum in 1992.

tial race last Friday.

cliffhanger 51-49 per cent. "Personally I see no reason to consult again the French people who have clearly expressed their views." Mr. Alphandery told reporters in Brussels commenting on Mr. Chirac's outline of his campaign strategy at the weekend.

The vote was a "ves" by a

Mr. Chirac, winning the first round of his underdog's bid to succeed President François Mitterrand in 1995 by grabbing the headlines. said voters should have the final say once a single currency was possible precisely because they were the ones who voted in 1992.

In the Maastricht Treaty. only Britain and Denmark have formal opt-outs from joining an eventual single EU currency if their economies meet all necessary criteria other nations are meant to

move automatically to union. Germany, however, plans to give its parliament a final

Mr. Chirac further distanced himself from the government over EU policy by doubting the official timetable for EU economic and monetary union, saving he did not think it possible this

Analysts say Mr. Chirac may be better placed than the other likely candidates — Balladur on the right and European Commission President Jacques Delors on the left — to tap continuing unease in France about the

Mr. Delors is one of the main architects of European Union and Mr. Balladur a strong supporter.

The first poll taken since Mr. Chirac announced his third candidacy Friday showed his popularity had risen. Mr. Chirac ran unsuccessfully in 1981 ar. 1988. The IFOP poll showed Mr.

Chirac had almost caught up with Balladur as the voters preferred conservative contender with 15 per cent to the premier's 16 per cent. Mr. Delors led them both on 20.

being involved in the geno-

cide," the vice president said.

President Juvenal Habyari-

mana of the Hutu majority

was killed in a suspicious

plane crash on April 6. Re-

bels of the Tutsi-led Rwan-

dan Patriotic Front (RPF)

seized control of the capital

Kigali in July and set up a

More than a million people

fled the central African high-

land nation for neighbouring

countries, most of them to

eastern Zaire, where huge

refugee camps have been

established north and south

Fifteen humanitarian orga-

new government.

of Lake Kivu.

The slaughter began after

Ghali to propose security options in Rwandan camps

GENEVA (Agencies) — U.N. Secretary General Boutros Ghali said Tuesday he plans to propose several options to the U.N. Security Council to restore security in Rwandan refugee camps controlled by Hutu extremists and killer gangs.

He said international efforts to deal with the problem will depend on the willingness of members of the Security Council to finance

such efforts. Shahryar Khan, the special U.N. envoy to Rwanda, suggested sending a 4,800-strong multinational African force into the camps for up to a year to monitor the situation

He added that "in coming hours" the U.N. Security Council may set up a special tribunal to try these held responsible for the massacre of up to one million people during the ethnic bloodletting

that engulfed the country between April and July. But Rwanda's Vice-President and Defence Minister Paul Kagame, the head of the former rebel Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), has said his country plans to vote against a resolution creating an international war crimes

in Tuesday's New York Time, he also called for the dismissal of U.S. Ambassador David Rawson, whom he accused of having been too sympathetic to the former Hutu government.

In an interview published

Gen. Kamage said that in weekend negotiations with U.N. representatives an impasse had been reached on three issues involving the war crimes tribunals.

A U.N. report last month concluded that Rwanda's Tutsi minority was the victim of premeditated genocide in

shed which began in April and claimed the lives of between 500,000 and a million unarmed civilians before the Tutsi-led RPF seized power. The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

(UNHCR) has accused

troops of the RPF of carrying

out mass summary executions

of Hutu civilians in reprisals

three months of ethnic blood-

for the genocide. Gen. Kagame said his government objected to holding the trials in Europe, because European prisons were deemed too comfortable for

Gen. Kagame said setting such a cutoff date would protect the planners of the genocide, as well as the French, who were the major backers

those found guilty.

of the ousted Hutu regime. "It is not only Rwandese who were complicit in the

genocide. I think one day we have to accuse the French of

nisations threatened last week to withdraw from the camps unless immediate measures were taken to end the cycle of murder, banditry and intimidation perpetrated by Hutu extremist militias inside the camps.

ment of national unity." one in 1975, is expected to retain HARARE (R) - Zimsource told Reuters. power after a historic general babwe, wary of a fresh civil

added.

"We are counselling for

doing it much more in the last few days. Nobody can ever over-emphasise that that is in Mozimbique's interest," he Mr. Chissano and his rul-

rilla fight against FRELIMO until 1992, is seen trailing second in the poll.

la the presidential election, the commission gave Mr. Chissano 62.61 per cent of votes counted compared only 26.52 per cent for

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Transition requires work

WITH THE ratification of the peace treaty with Israel reaching its final stages, the next step awaiting the government is making the necessary changes in the written and unwritten laws and policies of the country to suit the new era as soon as the treaty goes into effect. The easiest part of the work ahead would be amending legislation and official policies of the country that have a bearing on Jordan's

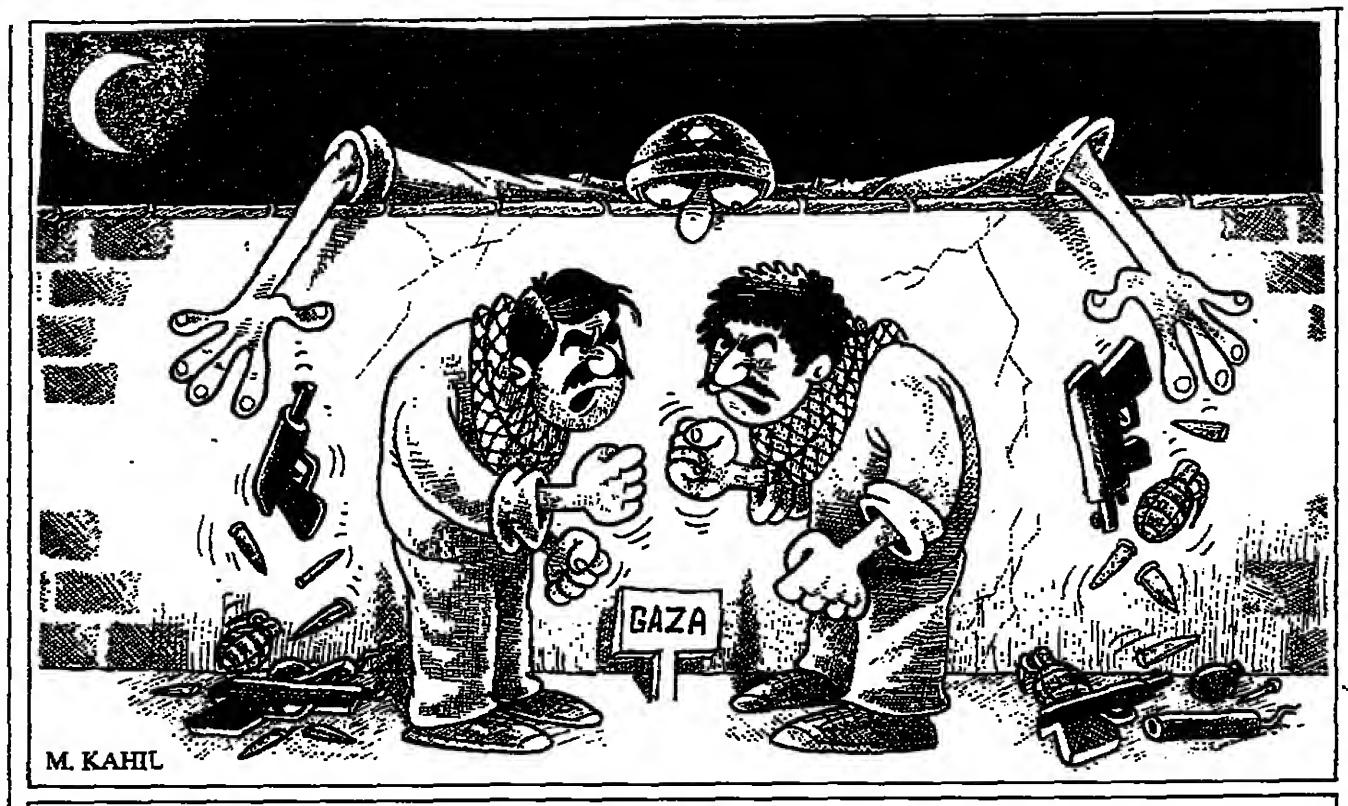
past relations with Israel as an enemy state. Israel now would have to be seen and treated not only as a neighbouring state with which we will soon have diplomatic relations and cooperation agreements. The letter and spirit of the treaty calls for more than cold peace or the establishment of diplomatic ties. The kind of efforts promised envisages the existence of a "warm" relationship. This rather sudden transformation from a state of war and belligerency between the two countries into a state of warm peace could be the hardest to accomplish after so many decades of hostility and animosity between us. No government can successfully change people's long-held perception of another people or their state by the stroke of a pen. The required metamorphosis in the Jordanian perspectives and sentiments towards Israel would obviously take time and hard work. What is needed in this vein is the cultivation of a new culture of peace with not only Israel but also with Jews and Judaism. The creation of such a culture and peaceful coexistence must also be administered in a determined but small dosages so that it could become palatable. This means that changes in our laws, practices and policies must proceed at a relatively slow, albeit sure, speed and begin with the most pressing.

Above all the supporters of all-out peace treaty must endeavour to win over the opposition instead of driving it out of the mainstream political spectrum. This objective can be attained by highlighting the positive features of the treaty and its probable contributions to a better, safer and stronger Jordan. At the same time, it would be self-defeating to keep on denying the enormity of the gap that has to be bridged between the two diametrically opposed perspectives over the issue of ties with Israel. This is a gigantic task that nevertheless has to be undertaken. At stake is no less than translating in practical terms the call on the minority to accept the views and decisions of the majority.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I Arabic daily Tuesday warned the Arab Nation against Israel's continued attempts to change the character of the holy places in Palestine, citing the example of the Al Ibrahimi Mosque in occupied Hebron. The Israelis have reopened the mosque after closing it in February, following the massacre of Muslim worshippers at the hand of a Jewish settler but they have partitioned the holy site, giving half of it to the Jews and establishing a Jewish synagogue at the site, said the paper. The partition of the mosque should not be condoned and should not be allowed to continue, said the paper, noting that the move could serve as a precedent for Jews to partition other Christian and Muslim holy places in other parts of occupied Palestine. It is enough for us to examine maps in the hands of Israeli school children to find that all Arab cities and holy shrines remain as a target for Zionism and it is enough to see that all the public places and streets of Arab Palestinian towns have been given Jewish names, the paper pointed out. It should not be forgotten, said the paper, that the Ibrahimi Mosque and the city of Hebron are part of the Palestinian lands occupied by Israel since 1967. It should be noted, added the paper: that U.N. resolutions, on which the whole peace process hinges, requires - the Israelis to pull out from the occupied lands in exchange for peace.

IRAO HAS taken a very practical step by announcing that no problem exists between Baghdad and Tel Aviv. said Saleh Qallab, a columnist in Al Dustour Tuesday, Iraq has no common border with Israel, like the Gulf states, has no reason to maintain the state of belligerency with the Jewish state after the confrontation countries have taken steps to end their conflict with Israel, said the writer. Indeed, no Arab party consulted with Baghdad before moving towards peace with Israel and no one has asked Bughdad to participate in any moves towards shaping up the future of the new Arab order, said Mr. Qallab. The Palestinians, the Jordanians and the Egyptians have taken moves towards peace with Israel and the Syrians and the Lebanese are on their way to follow suit, continued the writer. Therefore, there was nothing left for the Iraqis but to follow the example of the Arab states, which do not have common borders with Israel, and which are now making moves to establish relations with the Jewish state, said the writer. The Iraqi move, he added, could have come as a shock to some Arabs but, with national dreams aside, one can only say that Baghdad has taken a practical step that is most reasonable under the present circumstances.



Yitzhak Rabin's conversion to the quest for peace

By Peretz Kidron

UNTIL RECENTLY, only a satirist would have cast Yitzhak Rabin in the role of candidate for the Nobel Peace Prize. The biography of "Mister Security" hardly seemed to foreshadow such an honour. An active army career spanning two and a half decades brought him glory as military commander, never as peace-maker. His 1948 exploits included ejection of almost the entire Arab population of Lydda and Ramleh. When he was head of the Israeli army's Northern Command in 1960s, his forces waged runninng battles with the Syrians for control of water sources. As commander-inchief in 1967, his bellicose threats to overthrow the Damascus regime helped drive up the tension that finally erupted into war. As defence minister, he issued the notorious "break their arms and legs guidelines for crushing the Palestinian intifada.

Even when holding no formal military office. Mr. Rabin remained an advocate of massive and brutal force, with few scruples about non-combatants. As ambassador to Washington in the late '60s, he bombarded the Israeli government with cables urging escalation of bombing raids on "strategic" (i.e. civilian) targets in Egypt's interior. so as to induce the Egyptian army to call off its war of attrition along the Suez Canal. During the 1982 siege of Beirut, Mr. Rabin — formally in opposition volunteered advice to Defence Minister Ariel Sharon to "tighthen the screw" on the city by cutting off its

water and electricity. With such consistent espousal of unbridled force to promote national interests, it seems unjust, if not downright bizarre, that Mr. Rabin's current policies have rendered him anathema to Israeli hard-liners. An erstwhile target of peace protesters. Mr. Rabin now features on right-wing posters in Arafat-style Arab headdress, captioned with the single word: "Traitor". Does this altered public image reflect a change of

The "Rabin engima"

heart?

Commentators seeking to unravel the "Rabin engima" often fall back on historical analogy. They recall Charles de Gaulle, who instigated the campaign of

repression against Algerian nationalists but later returned to office to make his "peace of the brave" with the FLN. Others note Mr. Rabin's admiration for Richard Nixon - leader of the "China lobby" whose domination of U.S. policy in Asia in the 1950s and '60s isolated mainland China and spawned the Vietnam war; the same Nixon later attained "statesman" stature for his role in getting the U.S. out of Vietnam and instituting detente with

These parallels illustrate a pattern whereby a nationalist politician draws his country into a treacherous minefield, and then, as disaster looms, reaps the credit for defusing the charges he himself laid. It may be argued that only a leader of impeccable "patriotic" credentials can extricate his country from such a no-win morass. Mr. Rabin himself, though never conceding error in backing the 1982 invasion of Lebanon, ultimately supervised the Israeli Army's withdrawal from most of that country, and has reportedly offered to cede the Israelicontrolled "security zone" in the south in an overall peace settlement with

And how did a man notorious for his "Syrian fixation" come to contemplate a peace deal with Damascus' Some Rabinwatchers attribute it to age: now in his seventies. he may wish to be remembered like some judge of antiquity whose career the Bible sums up with: "And the land had rest for forty years". But such poetic. ambitions do not sit well with the gruff, unsentimental Rabin. If he has altered course, it must be due to his perception of reality. Unlike his colleague and rival. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Mr. Rabin has few intellectual pretensions: but admirers laud his "analytical thinking" — a ruthless facility for eliminating all illusory options until he is left with the sole feasible course of action. however distasteful.

This trait stands out in Mr. Rabin's change of course towards the Palestinians. He is a long-time foe of Palestinian national aspirations, and, as manifested at the September 1993 ceremony on the White House lawn, feels physical revulsion for Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. Over the years, Mr. Rabin explored every mode

of dealing with "the Palestinian problem": ruthless repression's, supplanting the PLO with quisling substitutes. But when it got through to him that nothing else was feasible, he bit the bullet and extended his hand to the PLO leader.

Political and military objectives

Mr. Rabin seems to have been weaned away from his anti-Syrian fervour by a similar process of elimination, leading him to consider a far-reaching deal with Damascus. According to the strategic expert Aluf Benn, Mr. Rabin's proposals run well beyond the security clauses in Israel's peace treaty with Egypt, offering Syria a comprehensive security package to include arms control, demilitarisation on both sides of the border, mutual reductions in military forces, and a control and ventication mechanism comprising a multinational peacekeeping force. early warning stations and mutual inspections. In a succinct analysis in

Ha'aretz, Benn claims that

Syria and Israel are ripe for such measures by virtue of a "strategic paralysis", with each side aware of the "intolerable price" of an attack on the other. Benn backs this view with quotes from hitherto unpublished lectures that Mr. Rabin delivered in the '80s (the audience is not specified, but may have been the Israeli Army's general staff). In 1987, four years before the Gulf war, Mr. Rabin pointed to the ballistic missile threat. "The war we must prepare for is unlike those of the past... with significant stress on the prospect of attack on the civilian rear." A year later, when Iraqi missile attacks on Iranian cities forced Tehran to seek a ceasefire. Mr. Rabin expanded his caveats about Israel's vulnerability into a dark vision of national and political doom, suggesting that attacks on its civilians could "arouse division within the population, which is liable to erode the national consensus of support for those conducting the war...

harm to unity." In recent months, Mr. Rabin's sombre strategic forecasts have underlined the need for a comprehensive political settlement. Noting that the Arabs have pinpointed Israel's "Achilles heel". he warned that its travails in the Gulf war

with no inconsiderable

would be mere child's play against the threat posed by Syria's surface-to-surface

Mr. Rabin's lectures also marked a major departure from conventional Israeli strategic strikes, whether for "a political objective which I don't think is attainable, or for destroying an enemy's military capabilities "with the sole aim of a stay" for a period of time

which is "dubious". Should "war be forced upon us." Mr. Rabin set out his strategic aim: to force the enemy "to request a ceasefire without achieving any territorial gain." Within the context of the Arab-Israeli conflict, such a request from an Arab state "signifies both military and political surrender, conceding the failure of its military effort." Mr. Rabin used a similar military-political formula in defining the Israeli Army's defensive role: There is no effective deterrent unless the other side is convinced that going to war will entail grave harm to itself... posing a question mark over the regime's ability to retain office."

But Israael's ability to inflict such punishment by conventional means is gravely constrained by Syria's massive ground forces and missile arsenal. In Benn's words: "An assault on the dense defence system between the Golan and Damascus would be a nightmare with heavy -casualties". while "the Scud missile aimed at Tel Aviv have turned all of Israel into a battlefront"

These are the cataclysmic visions lying behind General Rabin's conversion to the quest for peace — not as high-minded ideal, but as "pursuit of policy by other means". All other options having been eliminated as impractical or too costly. the only remaining policy to pursue in peace.

There is nothing humane in Mr. Rabin's thinking. merely cold-blooded calculation of strategic and political odds. As such, it may not deserve the acclaim of a Nobel award. But then, the list of past laureates includes such names as Henry Kissinger. Anwar Sadat and Menachem Begin - none of whom fits neatly into the category of humanist. His words and deeds suggest that Yitzhak Rabin may not be out of place in the panth-

Middle East International.

LETTERS

Iraq cannot be ignored

To the Editor:

ALMOST 30 years ago during my time of service in Africa I made a public statement saying "the dreams of Moshe" Dayan and Aba Eban of having direct negotiations with the Arabs are dreams never to come true."

Well, now, I must admit, I was wrong and the dreams? have become a reality.

As a result of this, our hostile arritude of 50 years has to change. Being a proud Arab I am trying to swallow this lump and educate my children about the necessary change of heart and attitude. Thus I am compelled to depart from my political party's attitude and open my mouth. Two things I wish to refer to:

1. Last week on the eve of the visit of the Turkish Prime Minister to Israel, the Israeli television interviewed the ambassador of Turkey to Israel on the morning show. This, is quite a normal thing to do on such an occasion, except for the fact that the last question, which I noticed, was not very comforting to the ambassador. "What can we do together ! against our common enemy Iraq?"

The ambassador, an able diplomat, answered correctly about commercial and political relations with Iraq. 2 2. The second point that I wish to refer to was carried by the Jordan Times of Nov. 6, about remarks made by Israell Foreign Minister Shimon Peres about Iraq and, without

going in details. I say were very ironic. May I just ask the Israeli television and Mr. Peres to try to show a change of attitude towards Iraq without-

contradictions. Since we are all talking about the sons of Abraham, let us not forget that the Arab culture has lots of forgiveness. After tribal killings, we kiss and forget.

So please join us and show a more friendly attitude? towards Iraq without discrimination as this country and its people can never be ignored.

> Wael Saleem Karadsheh. Amman.

Revitalising the economy

To the Editor:

FEARS ABOUT Jordan's future as a heavily debt-ridden country are a poor argument for economic procrastination. But a prudent wait-and-see approach will be needed in light of the economic environment and other macroeconomic factors. True, the local moneymen seem to have found something relatively new to worry about. Oddly enough; and with the launching of the Middle East peace process. share and property prices have undergone a series of upe and downs. Naturally, such changes are reflections of the public mood vis-a-vis the political developments bothlocally and regionally. The statements and assurances: issued by the respective statesmen and policymakers in Jordan are an important instrument of shaping the desired economic status-quo. However, many worry that excessive statements and assurances by the concerned statesmen me give a wrong message to some market-oriented business people They note gloomily that similar assurances weregiven prior to the financial crisis that took the man in the

street by dismay and surprise in 1988. But the assertion is dubious. It is generally agreed that the 1988 economic crisis cannot and will by no means be repeated. Jordan's economic history has long been a successful struggle to reconcile the odds under a heavy debt burden in a volatile Middle East. It has admirably managed. to maintain significant growth rates, encourage privatism tion and free enterprise and promote export-oriented businesses and industries. Indeed, Jordan has done perfectly well with limited resources ever since the 1988 financial crisis took place. It is now developing a solid financial industry spearheaded by the Amman Financial Market (AFM). Without the presence of the AFM, companies. would have been deprived of the opportunity to issue bonds, shares and securities.

The claim that Jordan's economy is in a precarious situation due to the wait-and-see mood associated with the ongoing peace process is exaggerated. It is true that remittances from Jordanian expatriates fell dramatically the aftermath of the repatriation of Jordanian expatriates from Kuwait and to a lesser degree from other Gulf states, Yet, the fact is that the return of these expatriates has been more of a blessing to Jordan's economy than a disaster. No one can overlook the construction boom which these returnees caused as a result of their considerable invest-: ments in the building and housing sector. Such activity reflected positively on the other fields of the local economy, particularly insofar as more badly needed job

opportunities were created. In short, Jordan's economy has proved to be viable and flexible enough to adapt to local and regional developments. The financial institutions in both the public and private sectors have done a fine job. However, there seems? to be a need to do more towards devising a mechanism the will channel more efficiently the flow of capital to the firms that can use it effectively and lucratively. Such utilisation of capital must be performed with the framework of boosting? the production of export oriented goods and creating more jobs for the unemployed. In doing so, free enterprise and active trading can have an indispensable role to play, thereby benefiting not just financiers but the economy as whole. But whatever be the case, the economy in Jordan cannot thrive without the investments that will have to come from abroad as well as from local resources. It widely held that such investments are needed fairly soon. Indeed, the precarious wait-and-see state of affairs no longer seems so cosy.

> Kamal Hamas Amman.

By Dominic Evans Reuter

MAYO CAMP — Ghaboosh Alballah looks across the bleak dusty plain south of Khartoum that has been his home for the past six months.

Thousands of makeshift tents, refuge for countless displaced Sudanese families, stretch out to the skyline. Not one tree breaks the horizon or offers shade from the blazing sun.

"We will stay here in the dust till we die," says Mr. Alballah, a farmer from Sudan's fertile Nuba mountains who two years ago fled with his family from fierce fighting in their homeland.

Nearly a decade after

No end to suffering for Sudan's displaced

famine in Sudan briefly pricked Western consciences, recurring crop failures and an 11-year civil war continue to plague Africa's largest country, creating one of the world's biggest. internally displaced

populations. The Islamist-backed government, at war with Christian and animist southern rebels, has little time or resources for the displaced, focusing instead on grand designs for spreading Islam in the south and rebuilding wide

expanses of Khartoum. Mr. Alballah, one of an estimated 1.8 million peo-

ple who have fled over the years to Khartoum and its twin city across the Nile, Omdurman, lived for a year with his wife and six children in the back of a broken-down truck.

Then government troops herded them into Mayo camp, one of four official "displacement camps" scattered on the fringes of Khartoum and home to up to 500,000 hungry, dispossessed people.

There they joined the growing ranks of people forcibly relocated from shanty towns and squatter camps by authorities anxious to clear potentially

prime urban areas. Aid agencies say at the last count nearly a year ago the population of Mayo had doubled in six months to over 7,000 families, with

an average of three to six children per family. Since then the influx has continued.

They say the government does little to alleviate grim conditions in the camps, and sometimes makes things worse.

Insisting the camps are temporary, it forbids residents from building anything more permanent than tents, mostly patchworks of sackcloth, cardboard and

animal hides.

The ban is no idle warning. In February, bulldozers flattened 150 illicit mud buildings in one of the camps.

The aid workers say the government has also bulldozed some areas where they had spent millions of dollars installing water pumps, and has yet to give assurances it will not do the same to vital water facilities installed this year in Mayo.

Mr. Alballah says it still sometimes takes hours on foot to reach water supplies, walking in temperatures that even in late autumn reach nearly 40 Celsius (104 Fahrenheit).

Despite what the United Nations describes as alarm. ing rates of malnutrition. every request for food de livery has to go through a painfully drawn-out procedure for government approval.

"It takes ages: The last J distribution at some of camps was in June and there's no news on the next' batch," laments a southern Sudanese aid worker.

Finding work near the camps is almost impossible one of them is 45 kilometres from the centre? of Khartoum - so rest dents become dependent on the irregular food delivenies

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opened, Dr. Touqan express-ed hope that Israel would

to be a lot of conventions and treaties, and I hope that Israel will re-look into all of those and will start considering the importance of its joining in," Dr. Touqan was quoted as saying by Reuters.

The issue of Israel's nuclear weapons and related programmes was raised in the meetings of the regional working group of the environment, which said it feared Israeli dumping of radioactive material in the -desert could be a main source of pollution in the area.

But Israel resisted the Egyptian demands, saying the issue of nuclear programmes could not be discussed by the working group on environment but by the group on arms control and security.

Gen. Ivry, the Israeli ministry officials, told Tuesday's opening session that his country sought to "broaden the dialogue further to accommodate all states of the region not before too long."

That appeared to be a reference to regional powers like Iraq, Iran and Syria which are not yet part of the quest for military stability in the Middle East.

Gen. Ivry also told reporters that the absence of key countries "limits" the scope of the work of the working group and that "if they came in and joined us, we could be more productive."

Countries participating in the meeting include Egypt, France, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, the Netherlands, Oman Qatar. Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen as well as the U.S. and Russia, cosponsors of the three-yearold Arab-Israeli peace pro-

The Dead Sea meeting comes ahead of a full session of the working group on regional arms control and security to be held in Tunis

He stressed the recognition

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"should be completed by the implementation of remaining U.N. Security Council resolutions ... so there will be security in the region."

The Security Council is to review the sanctions against Iraq next Monday, as it has done every two months since they were imposed.

The review will be preceded by an oral presentation on Finday by Rolf Ekeus, the head of a special U.N. commission monitoring Iraq's military capability.

U.N. diplomats here said several members of the Security Council, including China, France and Russia, would seek to have the oil embargo against Iraq lifted in six months if Baghdad agreed to recognise Kuwait's bor-

According to the private Russian television station NTV. Israeli and British diplamats were clearly participating in the Moscow talks

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and the voting system. Mr. Arafat described the two-hour encounter as "positive and fruitful" and said he is expected to meet Mr. Rabin again between Nov. 20

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian Cooperation Minister Nabil Shaath attended the talks along with military officers and experts. Environment Minister Yossi Sarid, another participant, said the meeting produced "much progress."

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That is not to say that a clear-cut polarisation is evolving. There has been no opinion polls, partly because the issue is so sensitive, complex and even explosive. Polling experts admit that the issue goes far beyond a simple pro or against Jordanian role questionnaire that could be totally misleading in its re-

Meeting reviews arms control Building a model school with international dimension

FOLLOWING IS the text of a speech that Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath gave at the inauguration ceremony of the Sports Complex of the Amman Baccalaureate School Monday. The ceremony was attended by His Majesty King Hussein, Her Majesty Queen Noor, His Royal Higness Crown Prince Hassan and other officials. Princess Sarvath is the Chairperson of the school's Board of Trustees.

Your Majesty, Ladies and Gentlemen,

THE AMMAN Bacca-

laureate School was founded with the intention that it should be a model national school but with an international dimension and as such, bilingualism became central to the school's academic policy; indeed to the very spirit of the school. And it is in keeping with this same spirit that I have attempted to speak bilingually. The school has always striven to combine academic achievement with creativity and innovation. and to provide our students not merely with "qualifications" but with a truly rounded "education." It has contributed to an awareness of the potential

dards attainable. Many new schools have been set up in our wake, and programmes developed by the school such as the Crown Prince Award, have expanded to become national schemes. Our graduates are a source of pride not only to us, but to Jordan, whom they represent admirably at some of the finest universities worldwide.

Having pioneered so much in the academic and cultural fields, it was appropriate for the school to also provide the best possible sports facilities, for the benefit of both physique and the charter. A 19th century sportsman once said that: "Games require patience, good temper. perseverance, good pluck, and above all implicit obedience: that it was no bad training for a child to

given out wrongly at cricket and to be able to take the affliction quietly, with good temper and a gracious spirit.... For it is as much sportsmanship, as well as a superb training in the sports that we seek to impart to our students through these facilities. That this dream of a sports complex to help us achieve these goals has finally come true is entirely due to the very generous help of our friends, who have always kept faith with us, as well as the unstinting efforts and support of the entire ABS community. If our premises are impressive or even luxurious, it is not only because the Hashemite Society for Education always aims to set the highest standards in everything that it undertakes, but because it is also our hope that this sports complex, will, Inshallah. contribute to the development of school sports in the Kingdom as a whole. We hope to see other institutions availing themselves of our facilities and look forward to our halls and fields being as central to the sporting life of Jordan as our theatre has became a focus of its cultural life.

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Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath

London becomes a haven for fundamentalist dissidents

By Michael Binyon

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LONDON HAS become one of the world's most important havens for Islamic fundamentalist dissidents. Whereas Paris used to offer sanctuary to opponents of communist and other totalitarian governments. Britain is where radical opponents of moderate Muslim government are plotting their over-

throw. Under liberal ayslum laws that do little to curb the political activities of those allowed to stay in Britain, an increasing number of hardline groups intent on combatting Western values and influence and setting up Islamic republics in their countries, are operating from London offices, protected by the democratic institutions they are intent on over-

throwing at home. Members of many of the world's most notorious extremist groups have arrived in London recently to take advantage of the good communications and media concentration, knowing that the only restriction is that they must not break

> British law. They include men such as Ahmad Al Massari, a Saudi fundamentalist who heads the so-called committee for Defence of Legitimate Rights which is working for the overthrow of the Saudi monarchy; Rashid Ghannouchi, leader of the banned Tunisian Islamic Party An Nahda, who has been accused of masterminding a bomb attack that injured several British tourists in Tunisia; supporters of Algerian Islamic Salvation

Front (FIS) which has

By Mark Dodd

Reuter

PHNOM PENH - The

hardline Khmer Rouge guer-

rilla faction could be wiped

out within three years if fore-

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Tea Banh said in a weekend

"Foreign military aid is

very essential. It would re-

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he told Reuters. "With the

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Exuding confidence,

General Banh said a recent

government victory in south-

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Rouge guerrillas on Vine

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ordered the killing of foreigners in Algeria and is engaged in a civil war that has taken up to 25,000 lives; and members of Hamas, the radical Palestiman group which claimed responsibility for the Tel Aviv bus bomb that killed

Most of the radicals are working against Muslim governments that Britain considers friendly and moderate. Angry and frustrated, those governments are urging Britain to outlaw or expel these groups, and have taken up the cases of individual dissidents at the highest level, with the Prime Minister or Foreign Secretary. Concerned at the damage this could cause a setback to peace in the Middle East. Britain is stepping up its surveillance of fundamentalists operating here. But the Home Office is unwilling to change the criteria for admission and is loath to undermine Britain's reputation for fair dealing by accommodating politically

acceptable views. Nevertheless, the government is pondering an idea that eoes against the entire tradition of political assylum; whether it should attempt to deport "undesirable" applicants even at the risk of subsequently having the order overturned in the

courts. Although it does have the rarely invoked power to deport foreigners on grounds that their presence would hust national security, the Home Office has traditionally been reluctant to make deportation orders it could not uphold in court. Douglas Hurd, as foreign secretary, knows that an attempt, even if

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unsuccessful, to deport political activists would reassure worried foreign governments, and would allow the government to point to the independence of the courts. But as a former home secretary, he is reluctant to suggest such

a thing to Michael Howard. Some attempt has been made to tighten restrictions. After protests from France, the government has looked carefully at the activities of FIS members here; applications for asylum by Algerians are routinely referred to M15. Those granted asylum are now giyen an explicit warnings that if they support or conspire to cause violence whether in Britain or abroad and so endanger national security or public order, their stay may be curtailed or they may be deported. The attempted deportation of Kani Yilmaz, a leader of the Kurdish PKK group, underlines the explicit link to violence - though not necessarily to Islamic fundamentalism — of these groups. More than 60 members of the PKK were deported last year after being accused of intimidating Turks in Britain. However. Britain turned down a request from Ank-

ara to outlaw the PKK Another group active in Britain is the Iranian People's Mujzhedeen, known in the West as the National Council of Resistance and linked to the Irag-based National Liberation Army. The State Department in Washington, despite poor relations with Iran, has issued a report saying this group was not a viable alternative to Tehran.

The Times. Despite the deaths of the hostages, Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said

the tragic event underscored

the need to assist the Cambodian military. So far Phnom Penh has received only non-lethal assistance, from France, the United States and, to a lesser

extent, Australia. However, Canberra is likely to provide the RCAF with a communications network which would give the nation's military's more efficient command and control structure.

Before Cambodia is given lethal aid, sympathetic westem countries want to sec radical overhaul of the currently officer-bloated, corrupt armed forces which boast about 2,000 generals and 10,000 colonels.

The RCAF's stated strength is 130,000 men, but analysts say the real figure is closer to 90,000. "Ghosting" is also commonplace, a practice where officers collect the pay of non-existent soldiers. Frontline army commanders in Kampot reported a big boost in troop morale

following the Vine Mountain

victory. "Yes, this is a big victory. This is the first time we've been able to capture Phnom Vor (Vine Mountain)," said Brigadier-General Prum Savoeun, speaking at his base in a Coconut Grove about 20 km east of Kampot town.

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"I have decided to clarify

In a rush to endorse Mr. Chirac's candidacy before Mr. Balladur can fight back, the Gaullist RPR Party announced it would hold an emergency congress in just eight days

While Mr. Chirac controls the Rally for the Republic (RPR) Party machine, many parliamentarians and grassroots members prefer Mr. Balladur as candidate because they believe only he can

France's Chirac announces candidacy, risks burn-out By having himself as the

By Paul Taylor Reuter

PARIS — Gaullist Party leader Jacques Chirac Friday became the first major contender to declare his candidacy for next year's French presidential election, rushing into the race six months before the ballot.

Mr. Chirac, who is mayor of Paris, said France was in a "state of emergency" because of record unemployment and needed "a real policy of change.

Twice defeated for the presidency in 1981 and 1988, he took the risk of an early burn-out because he is trailing a distant third in opinion polls behind fellow Gaullist Prime Minister Edouard Balladur and Socialist European Commission President Jacques Delors, who are neck-and-

the situation by announcing today that I am a candidate for the next presidential election." Mr. Chirac, 61, told the newspaper La Voix du Nord. No one really doubted it but I think things have to be said clearly."

time on Nov. 12.

official RPR candidate. Mr. Chirac would position himself to accuse Mr. Balladur of divisiveness and possibly expel him from the

Mr. Chirac's surprise announcement in a provincial newspaper rather than in the customary television address upset the calendar that Mr. Balladur set when he asked the centre-right coalition to wait until January before opening the

party if the premier runs.

Balladur supporters branded the move premature and divisive. Pro-Balladur RPR deputy Patrick Devedjian called it a nonevent.

The latest opinion poll, a Louis Harris survery on Thursday, showed Mr. Delors and Mr. Balladur stand exactly level, while Mr. Delors would bear Mr. Chirac by 54 per cent to 46 per cent in a run-off.

The two-round election is due to be held next April 23 and May 7 but incumbent Socialist President Francois Mitterrand's battle against prostate cancer has led to speculation that the poll might have to be brought forward.

By declaring so early. political commentators said Mr. Chirac was trying to make up his handicap in public opinion and head off a drive by Mr. Balladur supporters to hold primary elections on the right. which the prime minister

would be favourite to win. But they said there was a risk that Mr. Chirac's campaign would burn out before Mr. Balladur entered the race in January. Mr. Delors has said he will not announce his intentions until he leaves Brussels on January 26. Mr. Balladur and Mr.

Chirac had been waging an increasingly vicious battle and Mr. Chirac said the "hypocrisy" of an undeclared race had created an unhealthy atmosphere.

"The French people have a right to know who will! shape their fate and towards which horizons," he

In thinly veiled criticism of Mr. Balladur's economic policies. Mr. Chirac said growth would not be sufficient to solve acute uneinployment than threatened a break-up of society.

"Between the risks of a clean-break policy that would sow disorder and the comfort of lukewarm policies that would plunge our country into lethargic decline. common sense imposes the need for

change." he said. More nationalistic and interventionist than Mr. Balladur, Mr. Chirac is close to France's farm lobby. Last month, he described the plan for a single European currency as "in-

applicable." Things are now clear. the debate can start." close Chirac aide Jean-Louis Debre said. In a swipe at Mr. Bailadur, he added: Those who have nothing to say want to delay the campaign as long as

Mr. Debre added that Mr. Balladur would be well-advised to stick to governing the country and not enter the presidential race. Mr. Balladur's senior advisers met on Friday morning but made no state-

ment and put on a display

of "business as usual.

possible.

Hubble space telescope proves indispensable

By Emmanuel Serot Agence France Presse

WASHINGTON — The Hubble space telescope, its faulty lens fixed a year ago, has fastforwarded astronomical discoveries into commonplace events, leaving behind centuries of slowly

evolved theories. In a series of dazzling discoveries, Hubble picked up the impending collision of a comet with Jupiter, allowing scientists for the first time to observe such a crash; uncovered black holes; and gathered data revising theories on the uni-

verse's age. The space telescope has become indispensable to astronomers since NASA corrected its technical problems in a spacewalking repair mission last November.

Hubble's latest big scoop came last week when it provided indications that the universe is between eight and 12 billion years old, much younger than the 20some billion years postulated in earlier theories.

The powerful eye in space helped a team of Cali-

formia astronomers to calculate the distance between Earth and a faraway galaxy with unprecedented preci-

Steve Maran of the American Astronomy Association says data gathered by Hubble is "the first reliable measurement" for estimating the age of the universe.

Hubble — a huge cylinder 13 metres long and weighing more than a dozen tonnes — is just doing its job: helping scientists to accurately measure distant bodies in the universe.

Recently it transmitted images of the planet Uranus and its rings, which had not been visible since the Voyager-2 probe mission a decade ago.

Last month the telescope spotted an unexpected astral phenomenon some 166,000 light years away from Earth: two star clusters strangely close. The discovery advances theories

on star formations. And Hubble starred in the collision of the Shoemaker-Levy-9 comet with Jupiter last July. The

telescope tracked the comet — which approached the planet in a train of pieces as it entered the Jovian

Another show is expected soon when Hubble begins looking at Saturn's moon Titan. "Hubble has already

atmosphere.

made a great contribution to cosmology. We now know that we can rely on it. It is a decisive step forward for science," said Mr. Магар. Astronomers have asked the National Aeronautics and Space Administration

to build a new camera for the Hubble because its current technology is outmoded, he said. "It is possible to get even sharper pictures." But for NASA's critics

who believe the space agency is overfunded, Hubble is the perfect target. Jointly built by NASA

and the European Space Agency and placed in orbit in 1990, the telescope delivered only fuzzy data until its lens was fixed. NASA has spent \$1.5 billion on the unique instrument.



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Kuwait arms purchases curbed by budget deficit

KUWAIT (R) — Western allies made fresh weapons sales to Kuwait amid recent 'tension with Iraq, but big "-windfall purchases were few - largely because the emirate's growing budget deficit inspires spending caution, experts say.

The largest sale occurred at the start of the border confrontation when the Penta-" gon said Kuwait planned to buy 16 AH-64 Apache helicopters and missiles and rockets for \$692 million.

But a Pentagon statement · 'said there was no connection between the Kuwaiti move " and the Iraqi border buildup - that triggered the despatch of - large U.S. forces to the Gulf.

That aside, there were only slim pickings for a world arms industry increasingly reliant "on wealthy Gulf states like "Kuwait, the world's biggest spender on defence in per capita terms since its 1991 liberation from Iraqi occupa-

The emirate expects a 1.5 billion dinar (\$5 billion) budget deficit in the 1993/94 · fiscal year, more than a quarter of national wealth as mea--sured by gross domestic pro-- duct, and expects the shortfall to keep rising for the next five years.

- Kuwait has enough state investments to cover about 10 - 'years' worth of such deficits. but that would deplete assets --meant to be saved up for the benefit of future generations.

Total budgeted defence and security spending including procurement also comes to about 1.5 billion dinars — "a high and unbearable level. which might now increase." wrote economist Jassem Al Saadoun at the height of last month's flareup.

Apart from financial constraints, diplomats say military procurement planning is undeveloped and understaffed and officials struggle to administer big post-Gulf war purchases.

"The picture on sales was fairly fuzzy before the latest crisis, and it is still fuzzy now," said one defence ex-

"The Kuwaitis are still struggling to modernise and if you look at what they had already committed themselves to over the past two years, it means a huge amount of money. The real story is whether they can manage to organise it all."

Kuwait is already spending several billion dollars on tanks, armoured fighting vehicles, air defence missiles and warplanes to rebuild armed forces destroyed in Irag's 1990-91 occupation.

Also, defence sales have become controversial. Opposition members of parhament have attacked postwar defence procurement as profligate, secretive and occasionally corrupt.

Kuwait's main purchases

over the past month include an agreement with Britain for the supply of £50 million (\$80 million) worth of Starburst air defence missiles.

Defence sources said Kuwait was also spending between \$30 million and \$40 million on shells for its Yugoslav-made M-84 tanks, because during the October emergency the army found some units lacked adequate supplies.

The future is not entirely bleak for arms salesmen. Kuwait is expected to seek the expedited delivery of Russian BMP-3 armoured cars and Smerch multi-launch rocket systems coasting a total of 400 million to \$500

It has also bought chemical warfare suits from Britain last month and is looking at U.S. thermal-imaging night vision equipment for fortification on the Iraq border and for installation in the Russian BMP-3s, defence experts say.

Big purchases diplomats say are in prospect in the next year or two include the supply of 16 American Blackhawk helicopters for about \$500 million and the purchase from France of up to eight fast patrol boats worth at least \$270 million.

Diplomats say Kuwait is also considering the purchase late in the 1990s of an air defence radar, six missile attack boats and 24 selfpropelled howitzers.

Mitterrand attacks World Bank role in Africa

BIARRITZ. France (R) — French President François Mitterrand told the World Bank Tuesday to be more "humble", accusing it of playing a hypocritical role in Africa.

In a sharp attack on the Washington-based institution at the opening of the Franco-African summit, he told the bank to concentrate on making money if that was how it saw its job.

"That is very good for the bank but let her then limit her role to that of banker and not claim to be a guardian of orthodoxy and a judge of what is good or bad for the people from the height of which pedestal would she do that?" he said. Under Mr. Mitterrand's

13-year reign. France has often chafed at the bank's policies on Africa with officials portraying it as dominated by the United States. Pressure from the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was

instrumental in forcing

France to abandon its sup-

port for a strong CFA franc.



Francois Mitterrand

the common currency in 14 African countries linked to the French franc. Last January the CFA was devalued by 50 per cent, the first change in parity since

Before the Franco-African summit. Mr. Mitterrand's last before he retires next May. French officials have accused the World Bank of failing miserably to honour financial pledges to CFA countries following the devaluation.

"Like other institutions. the World Bank has its share of successes and failures from which it should draw lessons of humility." Mr. Mitterrand told African presidents at the start of the two-day summit.

Staunchly defending France as the most generous industrial power, he said his country gave 3.4 times more aid to Africa than the World Bank did.

Privatisation to 'spur investment influx to S. Arabia

ABU DHABI (AFP) -Saudi Arabia's plans to privatise key government institutions will likely trigger an investment influx that will help it offset economic damage caused by low oil prices.

experts have said. Although foreign investors will face restrictions on full ownership, they will still benefit largely from entering joint ventures with the Saudi private sector given the incentives it receives from the government.

Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil producer and exporter, announced early this year it would sell several public facilities and open its petrochemical and refining industries to the private sector in a petrochemical and refining industries to the private sector in a bid to revive its economy which has sharply slowed down because of a decline in crude prices.

The kingdom has also announced a set of new incentives for the private sector within its: 1995-2000 development plan to encourage it to bring back its funds from abroad although the plan has set no investment target.

"There is no doubt all these measures by the Saudi government will open up a vast scope for foreign investors to enter joint projects

with the Saudi private sector. This will benefit all parties," the Kuwaiti-based Arab Corporation for Investment Guarantee (ACIG) said in a

Saudi Arabia started to encourage the private sector after oil prices began to climb down in the mid 1980s. Such trend gained momentum after the kingdom started to suffer from accumulating local and foreign debt and its overseas assets were sapped by huge payments for the anti-lraq international coali-

King Fahd conceded last week his Gulf nation was suffering from cash shortages because of costs linked to the 1991 Gulf war. But he had repeatedly insisted the economy was sound and privatisation plans would go

Such plans will likely cover the telephone and electricity and water sectors, airport services, the national airlines Saudia and refining and petrochemicals. Three months ago, the government said it would sell nearly half its 70 per cent stake in the industrial giant SABIC, which has a capital of 10 billion Saudi riyals (\$2.66 billion).

"I expect privatisation in Saudi Arabia to be successful given the high liquidity in the local market and the huge resources of the private sector internally and abroad," said Yusuf Khalifa, an economic professor at the Emirates University.

"This will open the door for the establishment of new

companies that will attract national and foreign investment," he added.

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The ACIG study showed foreign investment in Saudi Arabia, mostly in industries and banking, totalled 23.8 billion riyals (\$6.34 billion) by the end of 1993. They are based in 360 joint ventures with the Saudi public and private sectors with a total value of 55.3 billion riyals (\$14.74 billion).

Like other Gulf states. Saudi Arabia still restricts full ownership for foreign investors, stipulating nationals must have at least 51 per cent shareholding in any project. Such terms have dissuaded potential major investors from the United States. Japan and other industrial

But ACIG said foreigners could still benefit from their partnership with Saudi investors given their knowledge of the local market and the incentives they are offered by the government, including soft-term loans and a 10-year exemption from taxes on industrial and farming projects. Industrial loans extended

by the Saudi Fund for Industrial Development by the end of 1993 covered 1.160 projects worth 19.8 billion rivals (\$5.28 billion) while agricultural loans totalled 25.7 billion rivals (\$6.85 billion). according to ACIG. a key League organisation.

Despite a 19 per cent cut in the 1994 budget, allocations for credits were slightly reduced to 7.9 billion rivals (\$2.1 billion) this year.

Russian president names reformer Yasin as new economics minister

MOSCOW (R) - President Boris Yeltsin Tuesday named Yevgeny Yasin as new Russian economics minister, a

presidential spokesman said. Mr. Yasin was head of the president's Centre for Economic Analysis and has taken part in the preparatory work for most of Russia's econo--mic reform programmes. He has a reputation as a reformer and replaces Alexander

Shokhin, who quit last week. .Mr. Yasin, -50, is the second member of Mr. Yeltsin's own economic team to . join the Russian government in the last week. Mr. Yeltsin last week named Vladimir Panskov as finance minister.

 Mr. Yasin is a professional economist and was one of the authors of a radical 500-day programme which was the first attempt to create a market economic system in the Soviet Union. He is not affiliated with any Russian politic-

sulted over Mr. Panskov's appointment. His departure was the latest in a series of

government changes since Russia's "black Tuesday," when the rouble crashed to all time lows against the dol-

Russian banks have pleaded not guilty to triggering last month's rouble crash, portraying themselves as playing an innocent part in a market game.

"The Association of Russian Banks protests strongly against attempts to pin responsibility (for the rouble crash) on the commercial banking systems," said a statement released at a news conference.

Association Chairman rouble crisis. Sergei Yegorov went a step further: "What sort of a market economy are we talking about if market players can be blamed for playing the market?" he asked.

The comments followed bitter criticism of Russia's banking system from the Russian Security Council, Mr. Shokhin, who was also which met to consider Rus-Russia's chief debt nego- sia's "black Tuesday" of Oct. tiator, said he was quitting, 11 when the rouble crashed because he had not been con- to new lows of 3,926 against the dollar.

It has since recovered to around 3,100 per dollar.

The council includes top officials from the so-called power ministries of defence and security forces.

It recommended the setting up of a commission to investigate banks' activities and to discuss whether those who took part in what it said was "illegal speculation" could lose their licences to

trade convertable currencies. Russia's central bank reacted by saying it reguld withdraw hard currency trading licences from banks whose dollar purchase orders were much bigger than sales during the "black Tuesday"

The central bank promised to set up a special commission to check the balance sheets of commercial banks. But bank association head

Mr. Yegorov said the Security Council recommendations on rouble crisis contradicted the principles of a market economy.

"Currency sales and purchases are part of any bank's technical operations. We can definitely say there was no plot to bring the rouble down," he said.

Japan economists, business do not see a recovery yet

TOKYO (R) — Japań ratcheted up its view of the economy Tuesday, saying bright signs are continuing to spread, but economists and regional business leaders kept aloof from the central government's optimism.

The Economic Planning Agency (EPA), which had to make a humiliating row-back from a premature declaration of recovery in June 1993, said in its latest monthly report that the economy was still on its way to recovery but took its assessment of industrial output one step further.

"It (industrial output) is on a gradual increasing trend," the Economic Planning Agency said. It was a subtle step away from a phrase like "signs of (industrial output) picking up can be seen," used in last month's report.

Industrial production in July-September rose a preliminary 1.6 per cent quarteron-quarter and 1.5 per cent year-on-year. It is also projected to grow in the October-December quarter, the EPA said.

However, private economists were not so sanguine. "Demand is not keeping up with production," said

Nabuya Nemoto, economist

at Nomura Research Institute. "I agree the government is watching how and when private consumption and investment will really ignite, but I wonder whether they will really take off."

Mr. Nemoto said recovery in consumer spending and capital investment may take longer than the government had initially expected, until the April-June quarter of

Economists said a dip in September household spending and department store showed the economy was slowing, after the temporary effects of the hot summer and tax cuts had waned.

The cautious EPA stopped short of proclaiming a fullfledged economic recovery. "We are not confident

enough to say private demand such as consumption and investment has turned stable, staying at a high level. But this does not mean our assessment has retreated," an EPA official said.

But some economists did not agree. "It seems the brightness in the economy is now fading out again. The brightest time was probably two months ago," said Shun-

THE BETTER HALF.

sake Motani, senior probably two months ago," said Shunsuke Motani, senior economist at Deutsche Bank Research, referring to the strength in consumption then.

"Basing a recovery on an increase in production will be ignoring the real weakness in demand. Shipment is falling at a faster pace and inventories are pilling up," Mr. Motani said. September shipments fell

3.0 per cent while inventories rose by 1.5 per cent monthon-month. The yen's continuing strength was seen as another

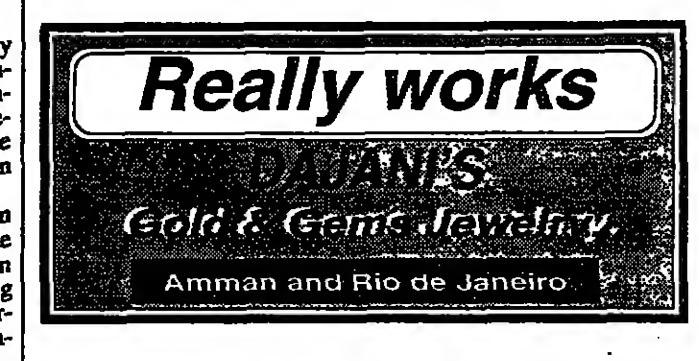
corporate activity. Separately, the EPA Tuesday released a report on regional business leaders' views on the economy, which said many regional representatives were still cautious about the outlook as the high yen was hampering corporate

factor likely to suppress

For example, the northern island of Hokkaido, where the fishery industry had long been hit by the yen's appreciation, reported the region was not about to see a recovery soon, although its economy had hit bottom.

By Glasbergen

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 1994: By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Campli Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Con- are important to your progress and siderable activity today presents an in the evening study, analyze good opportunity to investigate both results following. ides of any situation when the LIBRA: (September 23 to October Moon moves into Gemini and you consult with experts who have background and experience.

whatever practical matters facing you and organising a sensible plan of action, you need ways to implement initial efforts.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You find a partner very receptive to your goals and wishes early so get into policies to be put in motion, then see how to make them work smoothly,

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Have everything well thought out early on how you are going to perform whatever your duties and you find they will flow easily through daynime.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Being up with the birds gets you ahead of others and with a fine start towards a very successful day, tonight avoid expensive plea-

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Put that energy to work on doing what will improve conditions at your residence and then do what will bring you comfort and peace in the

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Get out early for those appointments and activities that

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THE Daily Crossword by CF Murray

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After a very good start to handling SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Think about what you can do to make a campaign with a confidential advisor to gain the private goals that have the most meaning to you, then follow sug-

> SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Your views are very practical today and if you consult with one of considerable power and influence you can make your mundane dreams come true. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) A determined and purposeful friend has some excelent recommendations on how you can best bring into orbit of your influence an insistent desire.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) You need to make a start right after breakfast to be moproductive in advancing your in-terests where worldly ambitions may be involved.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) A new slant or interest can be just what you need now to enhance your success and the good will in which you are held by newcomers Birthstone of November: Topaz-Tiger's Eye

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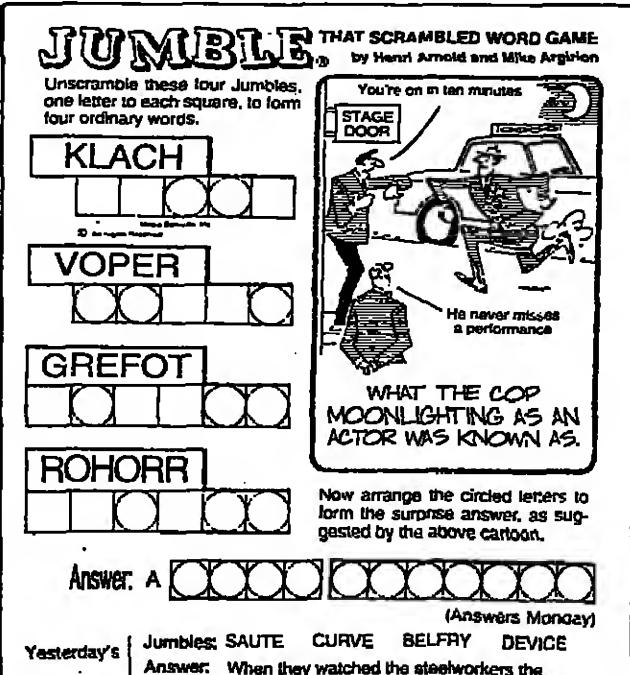


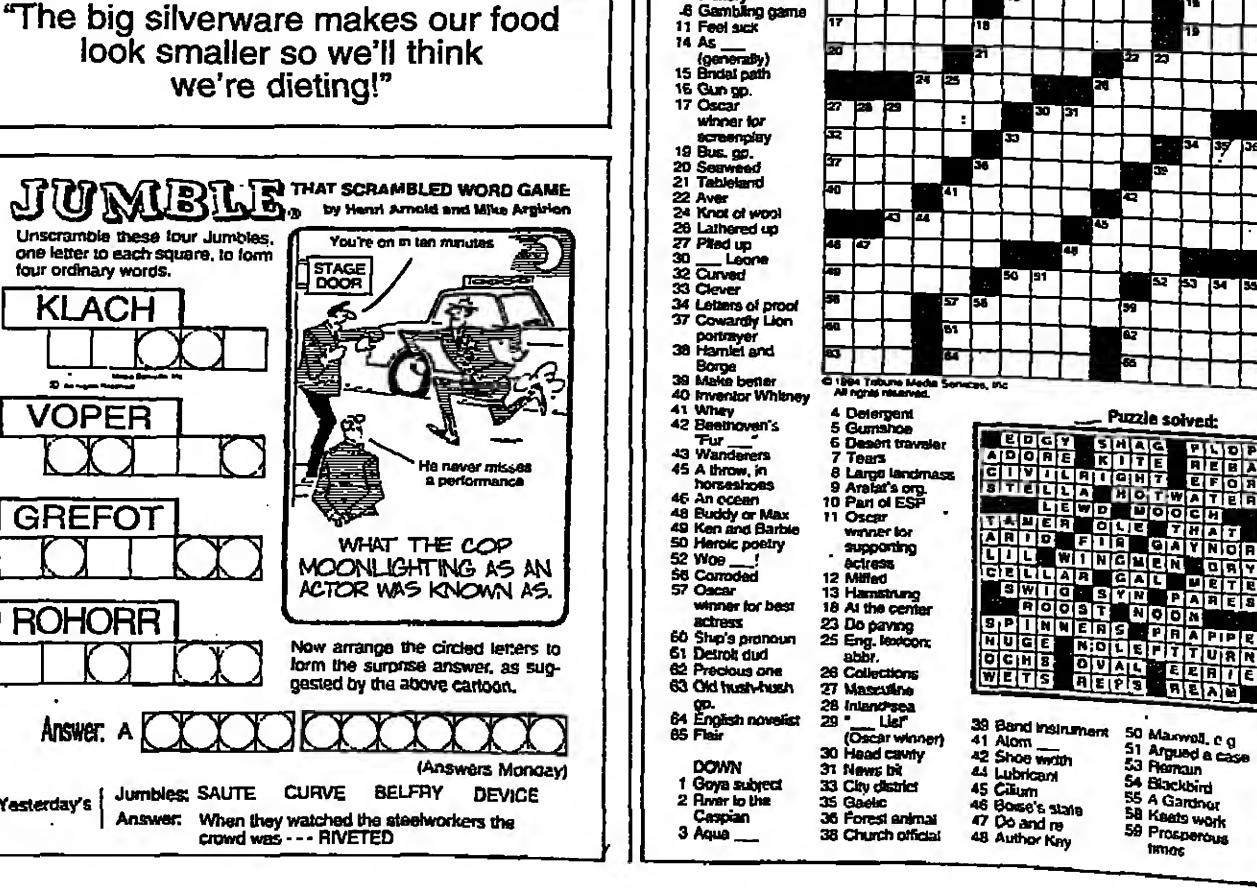












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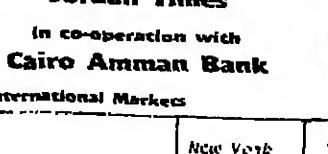
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South Korea unveils details of trade opening with North Korea

SEOUL (AFP) — South Korea Tuesday unveiled a series of measures to revive and expand trade and other exchanges with communistruled North Korea, including an offer to open the border.

"The government has decided to launch the first-stage measures to activate inter-Korean economic cooperation... to improve ties between South and North Korea." Vice Unification Minister Song Yong-Dae said after a cabinet meeting.

The measures, effective immediately, were prompted by a landmark accord Oct. 21 between washington and Pyongyang and followed President Kim Young-Sam's decision Monday to lift the two-year-old ban on inter-Korean trade and invest-

The package was promptly welcomed by the Seoul exchange, where share prices only when and "if the governpropelled the Composite Index to a record high of

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1.138.75, with companies which have contacts with the North, and construction issues, gaining ground.

Mr. Song said Southern businessmen would now be allowed to visit Pvongvang for investment projects or invite Northern business partners to the South, as well as ship North industrial equipment for processing-oncommission trade.

Other measures included permission to open South Korean business offices in Pyongyang for the purposes of pilot joint-venture projects involving food and daily necessities.

South Korean firms overseas will be allowed to hire North Korean workers, too. Mr. Song said.

Moreover, he said. South Korea is ready to provide social overhead capital, food and energy to the North, but ment judges that bilateral relations have improved.

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He proposed opening the demilitarised zone to let South Korean businessmen enter North Korea more easily for business deals but cautioned against a hasty approach.

"There should be no haste or excessive expectations, he said, stressing that the two Koreas needed an investment guarantee agreement and other institutional devices to ensure full-fledged economic exchanges.

"The government hopes these measures will lead to the resumption of inter-Korean talks." which were suspended by the sudden death of North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung on July 8, he added.

Inter-Korean business contacts started in January 1989. when Chung Ju-Yung, tounder of South Korea's leading Hyundai Group, visited Pyongyang for joint ventures in tourism and construction.

A follow-up business delegation went to North Korea in October 1992 for statefunded pilot projects in an industrial complex near Pyongyang, but hopes for business detente fell flat over North Korea'ssuspectednuclear programme.

At present, South Korean

firms' trade with the North amounts to only a paltry \$200 million annually, conducted through third countries.

big question now was the North's response to the pack-

Said Ko Il-Dong. an analyst at the state-run thinktank, the Korean Development Institute: "Inter-Korean processing-oncommission trade will be activated, but North Korea must also take reciprocal mea-

sures. The U.N. Development Programme (UNDP) hailed the lifting of restrictions as a boots for its project to develop a free industrial zone in

The Samsung Group is our to open an office in Pyongvang, with its eyes on eletronics and textiles. Rival Hvundai Group contacted North Korean economic officials in early October - in anticipation of the lifting of the ban - with offers to produce railroad coaches, build ship repair yards and develop tourist sites in the North.

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Other large contracts include one for 140 million Canadian dollars (\$103 million) for a petroleum and gas pipeline mill, and a joint venture to produce rare metals and four power plants worth 170 million Canadian dollars (\$125 million), an official statement said.

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Canadian premier crowns China visits with mass contracts

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In the first nine months of

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Mr. Chretien is leading the

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tives from 250 firms and nine

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said Mr. Chretien was pre-

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are close to business. This

kind of large-scale delegation

can open doors," he added.

Kenneth Courtis, an eco-

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ey team to play in China.

BEIJING (R) — Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien Tuesday crowned his visit to China by presiding over the signing of contracts said by officials to be worth \$6.34 billion, including the sale of two nuclear reactors.

In a large ballroom of a deluxe hotel, Mr. Chretien looked on as over 50 Canadian firms signed contracts whose value officials said totalled Canadian \$8.6 billion.

"Today marks a new era in Canada-China trade relations;" said a delighted Chretien. "This catapults trade with China into new levels."

An official statement said the deals comprised 2.6 billion Canadian dollars (\$1.9 billion) in commercial contracts, 2.5 billion Canadian dollars (\$1.8 billion) in agreements in principle and 3.5 billion Canadian dollars (\$2.6) billion) for the sale of two

Bob Nixon, head of atomic energy of Canada Ltd., said at the signing he was "thrilled and delighted" at the contract for the two reactors, to be built at Qinshan, south of Shanghai, next to a Chinesedesigned plant already operating there.

in the future," Mr. Nixon said, adding that negotiations had taken six months and that the Canadian side would be responsible for two billion Canadian dolllars (\$1.47 bil-

possibly by the signing Monday of a nuclear cooperation agreement between China

Other deals involve real estate. gold exploration, a sub-way

IBM, Apple and Motorola

announce common standard for PCs

NEW YORK (AFP) - Computer giants IBM and Apple joined high-tech company Motorola Monday ro announce that they had agreed on a common standard for personal computers, ending a longstanding problem of incompatibility.

The agreement covers personal computers using the PowerPC microprocessor developed by the three companies. The first of the new machines are scheduled to come on the market in 1996.

Experts however described the announcement as "too little, too late", arguing that the triumvirate would not succeed in dethroning the Microsoft-Intel tandem in the computer market.

Microsoft Windows is by far the world's most pepular personal computer software system, present in more than Su per cent of current models. compared with 10 per

cent for Mac OS. Michael Kwatinetz, an analyst with the investment firm Paine Webber, quoted research figures predicting that 160 to 170 million personal computers will use Windows

software by 1996. "Just take a look at the figures. I don't understand why everybody is so excited about it." commented Sanjiv Hingorani, an analyst with the investment firm Nomura.

The new computers would be able to use software designed for both IBM and Apple systems, which are currently incompatible, in a deal designed to break Microsoft's stranglehold on the computer operating system software market.

"We are creating a new industry standard - one whose entrance means greater value and performance for customers, greater oppor-tunities for developers and greater competition for the industry." the three companies said in a statement.

"The objective is to achieve 100 per cent compatibility with current PowerPCbased hardware and software application products, while creating a new base standard that offers advanced function future capability." the statement said.

PowerPC will enable the companies to offer personal computers which could use Apple's Mac OS operating software. IBM's OS/2 and AIX and Microsoft's Windows.

The three companies said that "each company intends to take technical and financial responsibility" for bringing the new system onto the market in its own computers:

But they also said that the agreement covers only personal computers capable of working with various types of operating software, and not the software itself.

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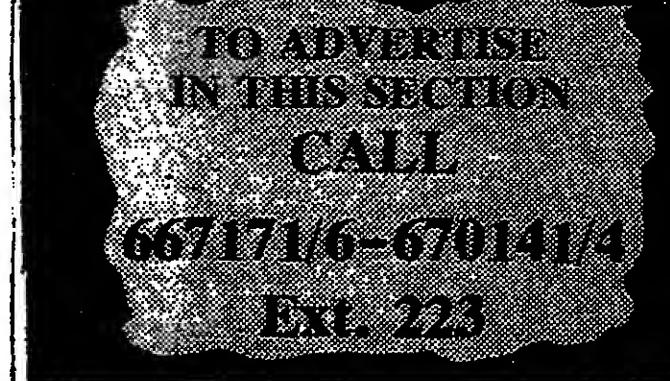
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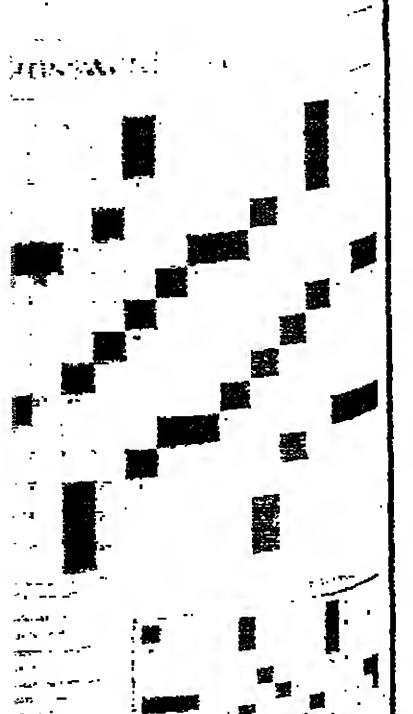












Hussein, Wihdat fight for lead

First leg of competition concludes Friday

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The first leg of the 1st division soccer championship will be concluded Nov. 11 when the 11th week of the competition kicks off Wednesday with Al Hussein leading the standings on goal differ-

The upcoming week's six matches are important for all teams to improve their record, however the most vital match will be Al Hussein's clash with titleholders Al Faisali.

The titleholders are now in fourth place behind Al Ramtha and Al Wihdat. In another important

clash. Al Ramtha will have a solid chance to maintain third place going into the second leg if they score a win in their match against newcomers Shabab Al Hussein.

Al Wihdat who lost the lead after scoring three consecutive draws will meet Al Arabi who have now dropped to eighth place and nearing the last four threatened with relegation.

Fifth and sixth place Al Ahli and Al Jazireh will which seems to be good enough compared to the other three newcomers who are languishing in the last three places and seem destined to be relegated

once again. Elsewhere in the league, Al Qadissieh will try to score a win over last placed

Jordan Soccer League

both be aiming for victory. Al Jazireh, an often lowly team on the brink of relegation in most seasons. scored five consecutive wins during the past weeks enabling them to maintain a top five standing.

Newcomers Kufrsoum who had scored impressive results at the beginning of the competition, face Al Karmel hoping to score a victory that will maintain

Al Jeel and give their fans a glimmer of hope after their declining form this season.

Al Qadissieh had

finished fourth last year. With only six matches left in the first leg. Al Hussein now lead with 17 points and have the best

scoring average at 30-10. Al Wihdat are the only unbeaten team so far and also have 17 points, but one of the lowest scoring averages at 11-2.

Al Jeel still have the worst record with only one point in the standings and a 6-26 scoring average.

Judging by the results of the past week Al Ahli are steadily improving their form, defeating Al Arabi 2-0 and Al Ramtha 1-0 while drawing with former champions Al Wibdat 0-0.

Al Jazireh have also scored more wins so far than the total of wins they scored in past seasons! The 10th week witnessed

the lowest number of goals scored at 10 compared to 22 in the 7th week, and the lowest profit from ticket sales probably because weather conditions greatly affected most matches.

Nevertheless Al Wihdat-Ramtha match set a new record in the season's ticket sales so far, netting JD 13,500, while Al Jeel-Karmel match netted the second lowest so far at

their halfway standing JD 8!

CHICAGO (R) - Toni Kukoc scored 19 of his career-high 28 points in the fourth quarter Monday to rally the Chicago Bulls to a 98-83 win over the Philadelphia 76ers.

The Bulls trailed by as many as 16 points in the second-half before using a 14-4 run to start the fourth quarter and take their first lead of the game, 76-73, with just under nine minutes left. Chicago outscored Philadelphia 22-10 the rest of the

think we had a pretty good second half." Kukoc said. "I felt good out there. We played good defence in the fourth quarter. It gave me a lot of confidence to be out

Chicago head coach Phil Jackson praised his players coming off the bench, who outscored Philadelphia's reserves 62-13.

"You have to give credit to the bench for the energy they were able to provide from the third quarter on." Jackson said. We salvaged a game that maybe we shouldn't have

Scottie Pippen added 22 points and 10 rebounds and Jo Jo English scored 11 for Chicago, who improved to-

Jeff Malone had 25 points and Weatherspoon chipped in with 20 points for Philadelphia, who remained winless at 0-3.

At Utah. Karl Malone had 28 points and nine rebounds. and Walter Bond scored eight points during a 20-6 tear that opened the fourth quarter as the Jazz beat the Atlanta Hawks 104-86.

The Jazz held an 81-73 lead after three quarters and Bond, who scored 14 points in the game, keyed the gamebreaking run, which gave Utah a 101-79 advantage with 3:22 to play.

Prior to the game, the winless Hawks (0-3) traded forward-centre Kevin Willis and a first-round draft choice to the Miami Heat for guard Steve Smith, forward Grant Long and a second-round pick. None of the players played in the game. Stacey Augmon led the

Hawks (0-3) with 24 points, while Andrew Lang had 17 and Ken Norman had 15. Atlanta were within one point with 3:40 left in .the

third quarter before Utah (2-1) kicked into gear. In San Antonio. Sean Elliott scored 23 points and David Robinson added 18 points and grabbed 19 re-



Chicago Bulls forward Corie Blount (left) loses the ball under pressure from Charlotte Hornets forward Kenny Gattison in one of the NBA's opening match (AFP photo)

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Capriati set to return Wednesday Australian Open PHILADELPHIA (AFP) — Jennifer Capriati worked out on a practice court Monday

organisers set to eclipse Venus

MELBOURNE (AFP) -American prodigy Venus Williams is likely to be prevented from playing in the Australian Open, her first Grand Slam event.

Williams made her professional debut at the age of 14 in California last month. She joined the WTA Tour before the enforcement of new rules applying an age limit of 16 on the circuit.

The American has indicated she wants a wild card for the New South Wales Open. the lead-up Sydney event to January's Australian

Australilan Open tournament director Paul McNamee said Tuesdav that while he had not received any request for a special entry for Williams, he could not support granting one.

Tennis Australia is keen to support the recent age ruling of the Women's Tennis Council.

Bench players lead Bulls to comeback victory McNamee said: "Tennis Australia was a party to formulating the new rules regarding young girls playing professional, tennis and it would be difficult for us to give her a wild card."

NSW Open organisers are keen for Williams to play in Sydney. But if Tennis Australia, rejects an Open wild card there is little hope she would travel to Australia just to play in one state event.

Fellow 14-year-old sensation Martina Hingis of Switzerland and 18-year-old Jennifer Capriati. starting her comeback this week, are likely to play in the Australian Open.

The new rules, which come into effect on Jan. . 1. do not apply to Hingis, who has been on the circuit long enough to earn the points to give her a direct entry into the Open.

Leading women's rankings issued by the Women's Tennis Association Monday: 1. Steffi Graf Germany)

2. Arantxa Sanchez Vicario 3. Cochita Martinez

4. Jana Novota (Czech Republic) 5. Mary Pierce (France)

6. Martina Navratilova 7. Lindsay Davenport

8. Kimiko Date (Japan) 9. Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina)

10. Natalia Zvereva (Be-II. Magdalena Maleeva

(Bulgaria) 12. Mary Joe Fernandez 13. Anke Huber (Germany)

14. Amy Frazier (U.S.) 15. Ivan Majoli (Croatia) 16. Amanda Coetzner (South Africa)

17. Brenda Scholtz (Netherlands) 18. Lori McNeil (U.S.) 19. Zina Garrion Jackson

other loser, so declarer banged out the king of spades.
In with the ace of spades, West 20. Sabine Hack (Gerwasted no time in playing a fourth heart. Declarer was forced to ruff and now West held a long trump for many).

to the WTA Tour, a match against Germany's Anke Hu-"I wouldn't say I'm in tip-

top shape but I feel good enough to break the ice." Capriati said in a fiveparagraph statement. She has denied interview requests. Capriati, 18. quit the pro-circuit

in preparation for her return

after a first-round loss in last year's U.S. Open. She was arrested for shoplifting a year ago and was charged in May with marijuana possession, following which she underwent drug rehabilitation. Now she is returning serves

for 30 minutes at a time with new coach Jose Higueras, showing no signs of burnout or personal problems. "I'm not even thinking ab-

out winning or losing," her statement said. "Who the opponent is doesn't really matter. I just want to have fun out there." Capriati wrote that she has

been in serious training since August and had planned to return last month before a muscle pull set back her timetable.

"In regards to after this

tournament and next year, I don't know." the statement read. "I'm just going to take

things day by day. Capriati's WTA debut at age 13 and struggles since helped prompt the tour to adopt a 16-year-old minimum age limit starting next season. But an opponent of such limitations. is Meilen Tu, a 16-year-old who upset South Africa's Amanda Coetzer 6-6-1, 6-3 Monday.

"There are a lot of mature 14-year-olds out there." she said. "If you are independent, you look at things a different way and not let what people say both you. People can be really cruel, especially when you lose.

Krajicek crashes out in first round

In Antwerp. Belgium. hard-hitting Dutchman Richard Krajicek succumbed 7-6 7-6 to unseeded Frenchman Olivier Delaitre to put his name on the first-round casualty list at the European Community Tennis Championship Monday.

The Dutch fourth seed, who won the event in 1993. produced 22 aces but the rest

of his game was well below par and included a dramatic number of unforced errors.

"It was a very bad match., i played ver badly. It's never fun to end a year like this," said Krajicek, whose plans for the rest of 1994 include a cross country ski holiday in Switzerland.

"I had a few small opportunities (to take control) of the match) but I blew them,2 added the Dutch giant, who has played six weeks in a row. Krajicek, who had never

played Delaitre before, lost the first set tie-break 7-3 and the second 7-4. Fifth-seeded Jason Stoltenberg also fell by the wayside. the 24-year-old Australian

finding Sweden's Jonas Bjorkman in inspired form as he went down 7-5, 6-3. Bjorkman's reward is a match against Italian Renzo Furlan, who won two tieb-

reaks to edge qualifer Kenneth Carlsen of Denmark 7-6 Defending champion and top seed Pete Sampras makes his first appearance against

Belgian Johan Van Herck. Second seed Michael Stich and third seed Stefan Edberg did not play until Wednes-

Cowboys clinch sixth straight; Bengals, Steelers win without touchdowns

DALLAS (AFP) — Reigning Super Bowl champion Dallas set the stage for a showdown with arch-rival San Francisco by rolling to victory Monday

Emmitt Smith rushed for 162 yards and two touchdowns while quarterback Troy Aikman threw for one score and ran for another as Dallas ripped the New York Giants 38-10.

The reigning National Football League (NFL) champions won their sixth straight game and raised their record to:a league-best 8-1 entering their showdown Sunday at San Francisco (7-

The 49ers have lost to Dallas in the NFL semi-finals each of the past two seasons, giving the Cowboys their stif-: festiliplayeff: opposition on .. 75 for the Giants, who ladelphia.

their way to league titles. Smith rushed a teamrecord 35 times, staying in the contest despite a 35-3 Dallas lead in order to pad his yardage totals. The threetime NFL rushing champion trails Detroit's Barry Sanders in this year's yardage race.

Dalias moved ahead 14-3 half-time and took advantage of three Giants' turnovers in the third quarter for 21 points, condemning New York to a sixth straight de-

Aikman completed 19 of 24 passes for 241 yards and rushed three yards for a touchdown. Moose Johnston added the final touchdown on a nine-yard run.

Before reserves played most of the final quarter, Dallas had 424 total yards to reached the end zone in the final minutes when backup Kent Graham threw a nineyard touchdown pass to Howard Cross.

Seven of the 26 National Football League teams that played Sunday did not score a touchdown.

But two of them won, both overtime.

Cincinnati got its first win by Beating Seattle 20-17 on six field goals and a safety. Pittsburgh beat Houston' 12-9 in a score that was highly popular last season, when

field goals were the norm. The other non-scorers: Tampa Bay (6); San Diego (9); New England (6) and the Raiders (3). And Arizona scored a meaningless TD with 1:51 left in its 17-7 loss in Buddy Ryan's return to Phi-

Panathinaikos to sack star Gallis

ATHENS (R) - Nick Gallis. the idol of Greek basketball and one of Europe's best guards for a decade, will soon be sacked by his club Panathinaikos for failing to play for three weeks, a club official said Tuesday.

"Panathinaikos has decided to proceed with ending Nick Gallis' contract because he has abstained with no excuse from his athletic commitments," the official told

Reuters. Gallis, 37, who led Panathinaikos to the European Champion Clubs' final four tournament in Tel Aviv last April, has not played since mid-October after a row with his coach Costas

The official said he would be dismissed within the next 10 days.

Gallis's absence has caused problems to the club who

have performed badly in both the Greek and European Club Championships. Politis resigned last week and Panathinaikos President Pavlos Yannakopoulos was expected to name his replacement soon. Gallis, dubbed "goldfin-

ger" by the press, returned to Greece from the United

States in 1979 and took Greek basketball from obscurity to winning the. European Championship in

Yannakopoulos has paid, him a record 900 million drachmas (\$3.8 million) over the past three years, more. than any other basketball. player in Greece.

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AMMAN (J.T.) - The 10th Arab Chess two-week competition, which will crown the Jordan Chess Federation.

Bampionship opened Tuesday at Varmouk men's and women's Arab chess champions. University under the patronage of His Royal

Highness Prince Mohammad, chairman of the Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Tunis, Algeria, Iraq, ordan Chess Federation.

Palestine, Qatar, Lebanon, Egypt, Morocco.

Fifteen countries are taking part in the Syria, Yemen, Sudan and Jordan.

Jordan likely to be in majors next year

:HICAGO (AFP) — If ere is a major league baseill season next year, expect muer National Basketball ssociation star Michael Jorin to spent part of it with Chicago White Sox.

That's the word from Larry chmittou, owner of the Ashville Sound, the top dedopment club for the White

> Transure their goal is for im to be a September callnext year," Schmittou

That likely would put Joran in the middle of a ennant race, provided there bardes for playoff positives. Owners killed the playfrache. ets after a players strike that final man Agan' Aug. 12 lasted a

> The dispute over salary mits on players has not kept minor-league talent from best. In fact, the long woff for the major leagues could allow many to close the sto keeping them from the

Security a high priority at Sydney Olympics

CANBERRA (AFP) -Security planning for the 2000 Sydney Olympics is well under way with the government aware of the terrorism potential during the Games. tederal justice minister Dun-

can Kerr said Tuesday. "There were all the tragedies in Munich which rammed home to everyone concerned that such events can be the focus for groups who wish to use them to gain publicity for their cause." A radical Palestinian group

killed 11 Israeli hostages at the 1972 Munich Olympics. "All the security resources of the Commonwealth and the states that are directed to this are seeking to make the correct judgment now, and that will continue to change as we move toward the event and as we evaluate where threats may emerge," Kerr

The counter-intelligence service, the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO), said in its annual report it would set up "a dedicated Olympics management and reporting structure" to ensure police and other forces had accurate in-

formation. Kerr said security officials were receiving full cooperation from organisers of the Altanta 1996 Olympics. "We are making sure that

ity arrangements for the Olympic Games are able to take advantage of the learning curve that occurs out of those (1996) Olympics," Kerr said.

all who are involved in secur-

ASIO said there had been significant developments in international co-operation between security and intelligence services over the past two decades aimed at "ensuring the successful staging of major games and the safety

of athletes competing." It cited the example of the Seoul Olympics in 1988, when 36 countries contributed to a database of 16,000 known terrorists and 600 terrorist organisations.

The Sydney Organising Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) plans to provide personal security for every member of the Olympic Family, which comprises International Olympic Committee members and other senior sports and political fi-

"Close personal protection" - bodyguards would be provided "as required" while a secure perimeter system using the "latest electronic system of access" would protect venues," a SOCOG spokesman said.

Arab Chess Championship opens in Irbid Newcastle, Forest play to scoreless draw

NOTTINGHAM (AP) — Mark Crossley's fingertip save with nine minutes to play Monday preserved a scoreless draw for Nottingham Forest against first-place Newcastle in the English Premier League.

Crossley leaped to push over the crossbar Peter Beardsley's sharp header off John Beresford's free kick. It was the best save in a match that saw both Newcastle's Paul Kitson and Forest's Stan Collymore miss open scoring chances in the second half.

The draw increased Newcastle's lead to three points over second-place Blackburn in the 22-team league. Forest, breaking a two-game losing streak, moved into a points tie with third-place Manchester United, five points off the lead.

The Newcastle attack once again suffered from the absence of Andy Cole, the team's leading scorer, who is sidelined with shin splints.

Ruel Fox took over Cole's mantle as the team's most aggressive player on offense, and he set up Kitson with a perfect cross in the 58th minute. Kitson, with an empty left side of the net just six metres in front of him, meekly dragged his shot wide.

Collymore, Forest's leading scorer with nine goals, returned after a two-game layoff with a hamstring injury. He had only the goalkeeper to beat after he shook off defender Darren Peacock in the Newcastle box in the 70th minute, but chipped the

shot high and wide. The result was a disappointment for the crowd of 22,102 at city ground, which was expecting plenty of scoring between two teams that



Arsenal's goal-keeper David Seaman is in full flight as he makes a dramatic save during their match against Sheffield Wednesday. The match ended in a goalless draw (AFP photo)

had tallied 79 goals between. them this season.

Everton defend decision to sack Walker

Everton Chairman Peter Johnson defended his decision to sack manager Mike Walker here Tuesday but made no mention of his possible successor.

Walker's 10-month reign at Goodison Park was abruptly ended by a short statement from the club.

Johnson said: "It is with sincere regret that I have to announce that Everton Football Club has relieved manager Mike Walker of his duties. This decision has been taken after careful considera-

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past 35 games. "It was decided that it would be irresponsible for the directors to let the situation continue and they believe a change to be benefi-

tion and having regard to the

club's playing record over the

cial for the club. "Having spent 40 years in the top division, I believe all supporters will agree it is

imperative that their club maintains its position."

Although the question of a caretaker manager or fulltime replacement was not raised by Johnson, former boss Howard Kendall is available having recently returned from a spell managing in

Kendall was at the club from 1981-87, winning the league championship, FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup and then returned for a less successful second between 1990-93.

Everton have spent plenty

on new players since Walker's arrival from Norwich 10 months ago, with Walker investing three million pounds in Nigerian Daniel Amokachi, who has scored only one goal in 11 games, and 2.2 million pounds in former Tottenham midfielder Vinny Samways.

Walker won only six out of 35 league and cup matches during his reign at Everton and though the Merseyside club won their first game of the season last week they remain bottom of the premiership.

Becker, Agassi react to tennis rule change

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Becker, 27 later this month, also disagreed that there were fewer characters in the game.

"It's true that we had great personalities in the past. But we've got great personalities in the game today too.

"And all this talk that the game is too fast is nonsense. Tennis, like any other sport. goes through ups and downs. We had a boom in the 80s until the beginning of the 90s.

Becker, who has risen to third in the world rankings and qualified for next month's elite eight-player ATP world championship finals in Frankfurt, remains critical of the ITF's decision to impose a 20-second limit between points, instead of the existing 25-second limit, at the Grand Slam events.

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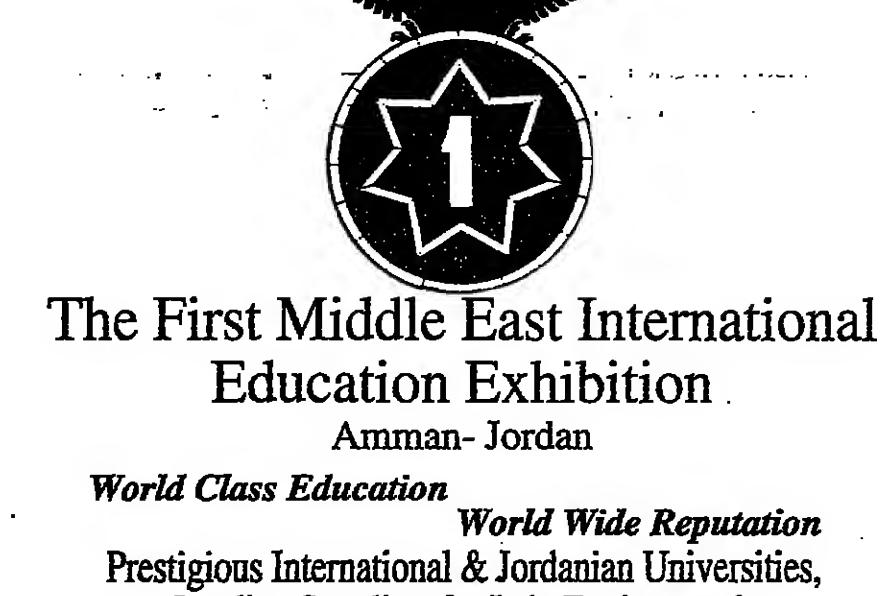
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Democrats sweat as Americans vote | admiral discuss peace House for 40 years and the

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats' low expectations were matched by Republican confidence as Americans in every state voted Tuesday in a mid-term election critical to President Bill Clinton's political future.

The American people were deciding on whether to give the nation a sharp change of direction. Worried Democrats — the party of activist government — feared they could lose control of the Senate, and Republicans reached for control of the House of Representatives, too.

Turnout among more than 175 million eligible voters was key — little more than a third were expected to vote — as a dozen or more big races hinged on which party could get its supporters to the

After a campaign of surly attack ads, record spending and cross-party endorsements, voters were deciding 35 of 100 Senate seats, all 433 House slots and 36 governorships, with voting in every state. Polls opened as early as 6 a.m. Eastern standard time (1100 GMT) in some states.

President Clinton, whose own unpopularity has been a drag for his party in many parts of the country, made a series of last-minute radio pitches for Democratic candidates Tuesday, complaining about the sour tone of many

"This is not the time for negativism," he said. "This is the time to be upbeat but aggressive in tackling our problems and meeting our opportunities."

"Don't turn back," he pleaded with voters in an exhaustive Minnesota-to-Delaware election eve swing before returning to Washington Monday night.

Everyone agreed that the uneasy mood of the voters favoured the Republicans. For Mr. Clinton's Democratic Party, the question was whether they could limit their

CAIRO (Agencies) — Police seized.

on Tuesday killed a suspected

Muslim militant in Cairo,

while suspected militants shot

dead a civilian guard and

wounded a policeman in

Police said Hassan Salah

Hassan died in a shootout

during a raid on his home in

the eastern Cairo district of

· The militant was believed

to be involved in the killing in

April of Raouf Khairat, an

intelligence officer in the

The raid Tuesday was part

security forces, police said.

of a crackdown on 15 militant

hideouts in Cairo, Giza pro-

vince, Buheira province in

the Delta and Alexandria,

police said. Twenty-seven

people, all followers of Has-

san, were arrested and

weapons including grenades run.

southern Egypt.

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Mr. Clinton's Democratic Party has held sway over the

Senate since 1986. Even if the Republicans fall short of winning both houses of Congress in Tuesday's balloting, they felt sure of blocking much of the Clinton agenda for the next two years of his presidency.

Some long-time liberal leaders of the Democratic Party — Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, Governor Mario Cuomo of New York and House Speaker Thomas Foley of Washington state --- sweated out challenges by an untested generation of candidates.

Among the political newcomers were Jeb and George W. Bush, former President Bush's sons who are running to oust incumbent Democratic governors in Florida and Texas; Iran-contra figure Oliver North, who was running for the Senate in Virginia, and Mitt Romney, Mr. Kennedy's opponent, the son of a former Michigan gov-

"We are on the verge of a Republican resurgence," said Roger Stone, a Republican

Democratic Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia conceded that his party was at risk of heavy losses, saying the Democrats' chances of keeping Senate control were "no better than 50-50." Republicans needed to win seven Democratic seats to take control of the Senate.

Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, chairman of the Senate Republican Campaign Committee, predicted Tuesday on CBS Television that Republican Senate candidates would gain about 11 Senate seats.

The Republicans needed to take 40 Democratic House seats to win control, installing the combative Newt Gingrich as speaker.

Americans, in off-year elections, traditionally stay. away from the polls in droves. Four years ago, 67 million voted, but 110 million did not. Few experts are predicting much more than 1990's 36 per cent turnout.

The wife of a jailed mili-

tant was among those

arrested in Cairo. Police said

they found dynamite, bomb

timers and gun silencers in

Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak turned down a plea

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tants in September and one

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within days, the official Mid-

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damentalists carrying out or planning "terrorist or underground activities from our territory or other European countries. Police kill Cairo militant; Hundreds of French police swooped at dawn Tuesday against Islamic fundamentalguard killed in south

GIA, seizing weapons and explosives and carrying out the arrests. Mr. Pasqua told a press conference that the GIA network had links with other groups in Germany, Canada, Britain, Italy and the Netherlands and also had branches

ists allegedly linked to the

in the French cities of Lille, Marseille and Lyon. He said that in a raid by a hooded commando of elite police at Villeneuve-Saint-Georges, south of Paris, Tuesday, 12 assault rifles, three shotguns, two automatic pistols and grenades were

The court ruling was "final Mr. Pasqua added that and imperative, and it has police also found detonators been decided that the first and chemicals which could be (militant) will be executed in the coming days," MENA

used to make explosives. The GIA has claimed the killings of most of the 69 foreigners, including 21 French nationals, murdered in Algeria as part of a violent campaign to topple Algeria's military-led government by various Islamic groups.

Mr. Pasqua declined to give further details about the purported foreign ramifications of the group.

Asked if arrests were to be expected abroad, he replied: "I don't know."

About 300 police were mobilised for the raids which began at 6:00 a.m. (0500 GMT) after six months of surveillance operations. Police said they had staked

out a Koranic school based at Orly, south of Paris, and a sports and social club known as the Educational Association of the Muslims of France Its leaders allegedly dealt in drugs, false identity papers

and weapons to provide fi-

nance and support for the GIA, police said. A Paris flat that purportedly served as a hideout for GIA members heading for Algeria to join antigovernment guerrillas or re-

turning from there was also

turned over, police said. At Villeneuve-Saint-Georges, police wearing black commando uniforms and balaclavas to conceal their identities raided a rundown house in an area of the town inhabited by immigrants and arrested seven men in their 20s, some of them Europeans and some of

North African origin. Mr. Pasqua personally supervised the preparations for the operations during a series of meetings attended by Paris police chief Philippe Massoni and senior police and security agents, police said.

Crown Prince, French

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Tuesday received at the Royal Court French Chief of Staff Admiral Jacques Lanxade and a delegation accompanying him. Discussion at the meet-

ing focused on Jordanian-French relations and France's role supporting the Middle East peace pro-cess and the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Abdul Hafez Mirai'

militants

PARIS (Agencies) — Police

detained nearly 100 sus-

pected Muslim fundamental-

ists early on Tuesday in a

major crackdown across

France on a support network

for Algeria's Armed Islamic

Group (GIA) guerrilla orga-

al movement, which rejects

any dialogue with the military

authorities and has claimed

responsibility for killing

many of the 70 foreigners

murdered in Algeria in the

Interior Minister Charles

Pasqua said police uncovered

an Islamic fundamentalist

network with worldwide links

after the raids earlier in the

day in which arms were

seized and 95 people

demonstrated the existence

of "highly motivated" fun-

Mr. Pasqua said the raids

last two years.

arrested.

The GIA is the most radic-

nisation, officials said.

Europe's key role in developing the Middle East and European-Mediterranean relations were also the main issues under discussion Tuesday in another meeting between Prince Hassan and the director of the North-South relations department at the European Union

Prince Hassan discussed with the EU official plans for the stages following the Casablanca conference on economic development and the follow-up Amman conference which will be held next year.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Tuesday meets with French Chief of Staff Admiral Jacques Lanxade (Petra photo)

France Blasts in Tehran as launches Iran-Iraq tension rises crackdown NICOSIA (Agencies) — Iran for a rebel raid. Tuesday accused its main on Islamic

opposition group of setting off two bomb explosions in impoverished, crowded south Tehran, killing as many as three people and possibly wounding scores of others.

But the Iraq-based Mujahedeen-e-Khalq said government agents planted the bombs to implicate the rebels and justify more attacks against their bases across the border.

Baghdad meanwhile threatened Tehran with military retaliation if events escalated following a recent attack on a Mujahedeen camp inside Iraq.

"In opting for peace, Iraq has not given up its arms of deterrence against all those who think to violate its sovereignty and security," warned Naji Hadithi, Irao's deputy culture and information minister. Mr. Haditihi, quoted by

the Babel daily newspaper, added: "The missile attack in response to the offer of peace from Iraq to its neighbour, is in keeping with the actions of the rulers" of Tehran. Iraq protested to the Un-

ited Nations about a missile attack Saturday on a camp of the Mujahedeen, the main Iranian armed opposition group, just inside Iraq.

The attack, which caused heavy damage but no casualties according to the Mujahedeen, has not been confirmed by Iran, although it said its border guards attacked another Mujahedeen camp near Baghdad in retaliation

Iraq's protest note to the U.N. said it "reserves the right to defend itself against this Iranian aggression with appropriate means and at the right time."

In return Tehran protested to Baghdad over its support for the Mujahedeen, which it accused of Tuesday's bomb-

Iranian media said blasts occurred Monday night, killing three people and wounding scores of others. In a later report, Tehran

Radio quoted an unidentified security official as saying only two people were killed and no one was injured. The official said some clues had been found in the inves-

tigation, and that his men

were "pursuing those responsible. Sources, knowledgeable about Tehran said casualties could be much higher. The bombs exploded in poor, cramped suburbs where houses and shops are packed

lined bumper-to-bumper during the evening rush-hour. IRNA quoted witnesses as saying the first explosion was in the Fadavian Eslam neighbourhood in southwestern Tehran. The bomb was planted inside a trash can and killed two passengers in a car

wall-to-wall, and cars are

parked next to it. The second bomb went off at Chit-Sazi intersection, kill-

ing a passerby, it said. Chit-Sazi is one of the most crowded intersections in southern Tehran.

Israel insists cholera has broken out in Gaza

TEL AVIV (Agencies) Israeli health ministry insisted Tuesday that cholera had broken out in the selfrule Gaza Strip and that a ban on fruit and vegetable imports was justified.

In Gaza City, Palestinian Health Minister Riyad Zaanun strongly denied the claim. "There is no cholera," he told AFP. "A women and four children have been admitted to hospital after drinking polluted water four

or five days ago. "If it was cholera we could have had hundreds of cases in five days."

However, Boaz Levy, deputy director of Israel's health ministry, told repor-"We think there is

cholera there. "I spoke to Riyad Zaanun and they have 20 suspected cases of cholera and five microbiologically verified."

Mr. Levy said no food would be imported from the Strip "until this is clarified." He urged Israelis to wash carefully all produce from Gaza which might still be on the market.

"We offered to help the Palestinian (National) Authority (PNA) in order to contain this disease and we are in close contact."

Palestinian agriculture officials said the ban, imposed Monday night, would cost

\$300,000 a day. Aata Abu Kirsh, Palestinian deputy agriculture minister, said the dan was

uniustified.

"There are cases of poison-

ing in some areas which could be a result of rotten or expired food entering Gaza from Israel illegally, such as frozen meat," he said.

He said the health ministry examined all fruit and vegetables and "found the samples free of any disease."

"We have stopped the import of all agricultural produce from the autonomy area," Rina Versano of the Israeli health ministry's national food service said.

She said that the ban, which also covers Gaza produce going to the West Bank, was issued Monday night after seven Palestinians in Gaza were diagnosed with cholera. The potentially fatal intestinal disease is usually caused by food or water being contaminated by feces.

Dr. Abdul Jabar Tibi director of primary health care in Gaza, said there were 18 patients in an isolation ward at Shifa Hospital in Gaza City with symptoms of the disease but that blood test results were not final.

Mohammad Rayis, deputy director of Gaza's agriculture ministry, argued that Israel was punishing all Gaza farmers, instead of testing actual produce for signs of the dis-

"Now are farmers have nowhere to sell their produce," he said.

Gaza has been permitted to export produce to Israel since achieving autonomy by the Israel-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) accord last May.

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Security net tightened around Diana

LONDON (AFP) - Security around Princess Diana is being tightened following her decision to resume a schedule of public engagements next year, sources said Monday. Princess Diana, who usually drives her own car to the Chelsea Harbour gym in west London where she works out, was driven Monday in a car with darkened windows, surrounded by police and followed by an escort vehicle. The Sunday Times reported Princess Diana, who a year ago said she was giving up most of her public life because she couldn't take the attention of the press, would be returning to participate in the 125th anniversary of the British Red Cross in 1995.

Exercise better than TV for bad moods

WASHINGTON (R) -Anyone trying to chase away the blues would be better off going for a run than settling down in front of a television set, a study showed Monday. "We found that people like to take active mood management," said psychologist Robert Newman of California State University at Long Beach, a co-author of the study in the Journal of Personality and Social Psychology. The study found that exercise, be it an aerobics class or going for a jog, made a big difference in shaking off a bad mood, fighting anxiety and reducing tension, said Mr. Newman, who plays tennis when he has a bad day. Watching television was not a good way to cheer up, the team found. Listening to music was an effective moodchanging strategy. Hobbies, reading, shopping and even household chores worked for some people. Men were more likely to turn to alcohol or drugs. women were more likely to talk to someone, eat or smoke. The study started by asking 102 college students to list how they fight off a bad mood. Their answers were used to do further research involving 308 people of all ages. Twenty-six psychotherapists were also asked to rate strategies that they thought belped change

China smashes porno ring, arrests 60

moods.

BEIJING (AFP) — The Chinese authorities have smashed a nationwide pornographic publishing ring, arresting 60 people across the country in one of the largest cases of its kind, a publication watchdog spokesman said Tuesday. The arrests took place last week as police in various provinces instigated a sweep of the ring's members, who have been charged with printing and selling more than 400,000 copies of some 50 varieties of pornographic literature, the State Press and Publication Administration spokesman said. The mastermind behind the illegal network was identified as Wang Chenggeng, 33, from the central province of Hunan, who made use of a private bookstore to create "cultural rubbish," the Xinhua News Agency quoted the spokesman as saying. A total of 70 people were suspected to be involved in the

Kids wreck export cars in rampage

HAMBURG, Germany (AFP) — Four youngsters aged between 11 and 15 demolished 70 cars ready for export from a parking lot in the northern German port of Hamburg overnight, police said Monday. After breaking into the parking lot, the youths stole the cars' keys from a caravan and wrecked the vehicles by playing bumper cars, causing hundreds of thousands of marks (dollars) of damage. A neighbour alerted police who caught two of the miscreants, aged 11 and 13, while the other two fled. Police said they were aware of their identity. A police spokesman said they handed over the two boys they had caught to their parents and could not charge them because of their age. The spokesman said the parents could face a civil action by the car exporter's insurers.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Norwegian aid money for self-rule missing

OSLO (AFP) — More than \$120,000 in Norwegian aid for the Gaza Strip and Jericho has gone missing and a U.N. official has been suspended, the Norwegian foreign ministry said Monday. Ministry spokesman Ingvar Havnen, confirming a report on Norwegian television, called it a "serious" incident. The news programme. Dagsreyven said the money was part of \$28.7 million in aid that Norway earmarked for a farm project in Gaza and the West Bank city of Jericho, autonomous areas under the autonomy agreement reached last year. Around \$121,000 vanished somewhere between U.N. headquarters in New York and a U.N. refugee office in Vienna, the news report said, adding that a U.N. official at the Vienna office was suspended Monday. Mr. Havnen said Norwegian consultants were involved in the agricultural project. He said an investigation has been opened and that lawyers for both Norway and the United Nations have been brought into the case. The news programme said U.N. officials, suspecting corruption, have alerted auditors at the headquarters in New York. Norway, which brokered secret talks that led to the autonomy deal, coordinates international aid to the Palestinian self-rule authority in Gaza and Jericho.

12 per cent of Israelis are poor — report

TEL AVIV (AFP) — Nearly 650,000 Israelis or 12 per cent of the population last year earned less than \$300 a month last year, the official poverty line, according to a report published Tuesday. The National Insurance Institute found that another 1.15 million Israelis out of the total population of 5.3 million earn just slightly more than \$300 a month. In 1992, 616,000 Israelis were classified as poor, but with the population rising by 125,000 people, the figure for 1992 represents a slight percentage reduction.

Iran stepped up anti-narcotics drive

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran is stepping up efforts to curb widespread drug addiction and trafficking, including a measure under which addicts would be banished to an island in the Gulf, Tehran Radio reported Tuesday. The broadcast said President Hashemi Rafsanjani on Monday chaired a meeting of the country's anti-narcotics headquarters, which called for new efforts to combat the scourge. The meeting stressed that better resources should be placed in the hands of the law enforcement agencies, which it said should be better deployed along the eastern borders with Afghanistan and Pakistan. Also in the meeting, "necessary decisions were taken to banish unruly and wandering addicts to Forur island" in the southern Gulf, the radio said. Four years ago, in response to public outrage over rampant drug addiction, which unofficial estimates said involved two million of Iran's 60 million population, the government imposed new laws that stipulate the death sentence for drug traffickers.

Quake jolts central Iranian province.

NICOSIA (AP) — A moderate earthquake jolted Iran's southern Fars province early Tuesday, the falest of some 800 tremors that have struck the region this year, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported. The agency said the quake registered a preliminary magnitude of 3.6. It struck the Meimand and Firouzabad regions, 80 kilometres south of the provincial capital of Shiraz, at 3:08 a.m. (23:38 GMT Monday). The agency said about 780 earthquakes, none major, have shaken the region since February, destroying 6,000 homes.

Iraqi, Sri Lankan refugees picked up KARLSKRONA (AFP) - Swedish coast guard officers on

Tuesday picked up 41 Iraqi and Sri Lankan refugees drifting aboard three lifeboats in the Baltic Sea, officials said. They said the refugees — 28 Iraqis and 13 Sri Lankans - included women and children and appeared in good health. They were apparently on board their lifeboats only a few hours before a Russian vessel detected them near the island of Utklippan. Some 1,000 refugees trying to enter Sweden illegally have been detected in the Baltic Sea since September 1992, most of them on board lifeboats or hidden on freighters. Iran Air, KLM agree to increase flights

NICOSIA (AP) — Iran Air and the Dutch flag-carrier.

KLM, have agreed to increase flights to each others' capitals next year, the Iranian news agency reported Tuesday. The agency said the agreement was reached Monday in a meeting with KLM head Peter Bouw and the managing director of Iran Air, Hassan Shafti. The deal was part of an overall agreement to boost cooperation between the two airlines, IRNA said.

100 lashes, prison for rapist/robber DUBAI (AFP) - A Bahraini man found guitly of raping

and robbing tourists was condemned by a court in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates to 100 lashes and ten years in prison, a newspaper reported here Tuesday. The unemployed 23-year-old, who was not identified, was a persistent offender who specialised in attacking tourists. Gulf News said. He was arrested after his three most recent victims — two Russian women and an Ethiopian reported him to police. The Russian women said the man beat and raped them, stole cash and jewellery and abandoned them in the desert. The Ethiopian woman said she was robbed. All three had to walk for hours through the desert to raise the alarm after the attacks.

Wolf attacks Bangladeshi guards in Kuwait KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - A rabid wolf attacked six

Bangladeshi guards and killed a small herd of sheep in Doha, north of Kuwait City, before it was caught two days later by security forces, officials said Tuesday. The six guards, who were all injured in the attack, were rushed to an infectious disease hospital by passers-by who heard their cries for help. The world roamed into the residential area from a desert region nearby.

Polish expert wounded in South Lebanon

TYRE (AP) - A Polish demolition expert was wounded when his truck drove over an explosvie charge in South Lebanon, a United Nations spokesman said Tuesday. Timur Goksel said Sergeant Pacholar Eugeniusz was on his way Monday to blow up old mines and ammunition left over from Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war. His truck struck the charge south of the village of Hinniyeh near Lebanon's southernmost port city of Tyre.

Tokyo conference urges better Japan-GCC ties From Rana Husseini in Tokyo THE FIRST Japan-Guif Cooperation Council (GCC) business conference concluded Tuesday evening after both sides." adopting a "Tokyo declara-

tion' and calling for better mutual trade understanding between GCC countries and The Tokyo declaration was based on the agreement

reached at the third round of Japan-GCC consultations held in Tokyo in June 1993. "The adoption of the declaration represent a turning point in the relationship between Japan and the GCC because it will open the door

for Japanese investment in the GCC region," Abdul Aziz Al Zamil, the minister of industry and electricity of Saudi Arabia, told a press conference marking the end of the three-day conference. "What we are trying to

emphasise is that the time had come for diversification in GCC exports from simple raw materials to a wide range of value added goods," Mr. Zamil added. · In order to achieve such diversification, he main-

tained, the GCC countries

see a necessity to improve the

current industry structure by

inviting more direct Japanese

investment and technology

transfer. Mr. Zamil, who headed the GCC delegation to the conference emphasised the role of the private sector, "which should become more involved to enhance trade industry and investments for

Yoshihisa Ojimi, chairman of the organising committee who also addressed reporters, stressed the necessary of increasing direct Japanese investment in the GCC coun-

"As Japanese investment overseas grows, more opportunities will arise for joint venture with GCC, and the increased deregulation of the Japanese market will lead to more exporting capability for GCC countries," said Mr. Oiimi.

More than 400 people from Japan and GCC participated in the business conference. The GCC delegation consisted of 200 businessmen and government officials from six GCC countries, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates. The Japanese side was represented by government officials and economic

leaders.

The first-of-its-kind gathering aimed at promoting mutual understanding and the strengthening of economic ties and technological cooperation between Japan and the GCC countries in the private sector.